

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 18, 2006

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION BY-LAW 21-86 NO GLARE ARCHITECTURAL GLASS INC.

Recommendation

The Director of Legal Services in consultation with the Senior Manager of By-law Enforcement recommends that By-law 21-86 be amended to provide an exemption for No Glare Architectural Glass Inc., conditional upon all York Regional Police requirements being met.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact as a result of this report.

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to seek Council authorization for an exemption to By-law 21-86 which prohibits the discharge of firearms for the purpose of testing bullet proof glass.

Background - Analysis and Options

No Glare Architectural Glass Inc. is a company located at 440 Edgeley Blvd. in Concord. The company manufactures heavy glass and mirrors for the store industry, and deals with supply of metal and plastic parts to the Aerospace Industry. It also manufactures glass for the glass protection industry, including hurricane resistant glass and bullet resistant glass for financial institutions, armored cars and other protection industries. They want to perform ballistic testing to develop and improve existing products, and have requested an exemption to By-law 21-86 for that purpose.

By-law 21-86 prohibits the discharge of firearms, air guns, spring guns and cross bars in the City with general exemptions for police officers, landowners for the protection of livestock, and for ceremonial purposes and turkey shoots.

The president of the company has consulted with the York Regional Police regarding any requirements for the registration, storage and discharge of firearms related to the testing. The testing is proposed to take place in a safe room, which should stop 98% of the sound. The firearms will be fired by remote control by a technician outside the room.

The company will also be required to meet any additional Building Code requirements.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Staff have been verbally advised by the York Regional Police that they have no objection. The exemption is conditional on York Regional Police advising that No Glare has satisfied all requirements to ensure safety in compliance with applicable legislation.

Attachments

None

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