

City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: IO-2022-004	Date: April 21, 2022
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Originator: Victoria Thomas, Environmental Control Officer

Business Unit:

Department:

Infrastructure and Operations

Environmental Services

Subject: Request for Exemption to Noise By-Law for Summer Concert Series

Closed Session: yes \Box no \boxtimes

Recommendation

- 1) The New Ontario Brewing Company located at 1401 Seymour Street, be granted an exemption to Noise By-Law 2014-053 pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined by Section 5 of the By-Law and that the proponent notify residents and businesses within a one block radius of the New Ontario Brewing Company, for the following dates and times:
 - Every Friday and Saturday evening
 - Starting June 3, 2022 through September 10, 2022
 - Event time would start at 6:00pm and end at 11:58pm
- 2) A copy of Report IO-2022-004 forwarded to the North Bay Police Services for information.

Background

The City has received a request for a Noise By-Law 2014-053 exemption from the New Ontario Brewing Company to permit the amplification of sound using an outdoor public announcement system, bands electronic sound amplification equipment, drums and keyboards at 1401 Seymour Street. The requested exemption dates and times are as follows:

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The New Ontario Brewing Company is proposing an outdoor Summer Concert Series. The shows will be from many genres of music, as well as events such as wrestling and comedy.

The outdoor location is bound by commercial zones, highway 11, and two nearby hotels. The proponent has reached out to the two hotels regarding the concert series. One of the hotels has provided comment that they are looking forward to the concert series and did not have any concerns. The proponent has not received any comments from the second hotel.

In the past, outdoor concert events such as these have been well received by the community and are well attended with little to no noise complaints.

Financial/Legal Implications

The sound could become a nuisance to residents in the nearby residential zone. The proponent must notify residents and businesses within a one block radius of the event.

Corporate Strategic Plan

□ Natural North and Near

□ Affordable Balanced Growth

 \boxtimes Economic Prosperity

□ Spirited Safe Community

 \Box Responsible and Responsive Government

Specific Objectives

Foster arts and culture as a key contributor to attracting talent and supporting creative businesses

Cultivate the growth and expansion of existing businesses in North Bay and in surrounding communities

Options Analysis

Option 1: Council approve application as requested.

Council authorize an exemption to Noise By-Law 2014_53 as received, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined by Section 5, Schedule 4 of the by-law.

Option 2: Council can deny the application as requested.

The New Ontario Brewing Company – Summer Concert Series would have to proceed without the amplification of sound if the owner chose to proceed with the event.

Recommended Option

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Respectfully submitted,

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I concur with this report and recommendation

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