



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: IO-2023-012

Date: June 13, 2023

Originator: Victoria Thomas, Environmental Control Officer

Business Unit:

Department:

Infrastructure and Operations

Environmental Services

Subject: Request for Exemption to Noise By-Law - Bluesfest

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

- 1) The Capitol Centre located at 150 Main Street East, 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 Capitol Centre, for the following date and time:

Friday September 1, 2023

10:00 am until 11:00 pm

Saturday September 2, 2023

10:00 am until 11:00 pm

- 2) A copy of Report IO-2023-012 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 Capitol Centre to permit the amplification of sound using an outdoor public announce system, bands electronic sound amplification equipment, and drums at 150 Main Street East (Municipal Parking Lot #3). The requested exemption dates and times are as follows:

Friday September 1, 2023

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10:00 am until 11:00 pm

The Capitol Centre is proposing a blues-type performance beginning at 10 a.m. and ending by 11:00 p.m.

The City parking lot is bound by commercial zones with some residential apartments. The sound could become a nuisance over the day to neighboring

residents in the residential zones. The proponent must notify residents and businesses within a one block radius of the event.

The event is well attended by the community. This year's application includes the same noise exemption request as previous year's applications. The City has not received noise complaints regarding this event over the last 4 years that Blues Fest operated.

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

Promote and encourage arts and culture as a cornerstone of a dynamic community.

Options Analysis

Option 1: Council approve application as requested.
Council authorizes 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 Capitol Center's event 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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Title: Senior Environment & Facilities Engineer

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Title: Director Public Works and Parks

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