

City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: IO-2025-005

Date: April 28, 2025

Originator: Victoria Thomas, Environmental Control Officer

Business Unit:

Department:

Infrastructure and Operations

Environmental Services

Subject: Request for Exemption to Noise By-Law – Bay Block Party

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

Recommendation

- 1) The Bay Block Party, located on Main Street from Fraser St to Sherbrooke St., 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 stage and speakers located on the corner of Main St. W. and Fraser St., for the following date and time:
 - Saturday August 23, 2025
 - 9:00am – 1:00pm (soundcheck)
 - 1:00pm – 11:00pm (concert)
- 2) A copy of Report IO-2025-005 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 Bay Block Party to permit the amplification of sound using an outdoor public announce system, bands electronic sound amplification equipment, and drums at the corner of Main St. West and Fraser St., direction towards Ferguson St. The requested exemption date and times are as follows:

- Saturday August 23, 2025
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The Bay Block Party is proposing local musical performances beginning at 1:00pm and ending by 11:00pm. Soundcheck is expected to occur between 9:00am and 1:00pm prior to the event.

The stage location is bound by commercial zones with some residential apartments. The sound could become a nuisance throughout the day to neighboring residents. The proponent must notify residents and businesses within a one block radius of the stage.

The event is well attended by the community. The City has not received any noise complaints regarding this event in the past.

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 approves the application as requested.
Council authorizes an exemption to Noise By-Law 2014-053 as received, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined by Section 5 of the by-law.

Option 2: Council can deny the application as requested.
The Bay Block Party event would have to proceed without the amplification of sound if the organizers 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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