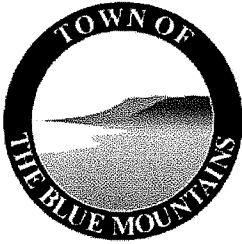


STAFF REPORT: BUILDING & BY-LAW DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: November 10th, 2008
REPORT NO.: SRB.08.64
SUBJECT: "Tree Lighting" Nov. 14th, 2008
"Olde Fashioned Christmas" Dec. 13th, 2008
PREPARED BY: Sharon Long, Admin. Assistant
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A. Recommendations

THAT COUNCIL receive Staff Report SRB.08.64 and authorize relief from the Noise By-law to the Thornbury BIA for their "Tree Lighting" event on the Town Hall site on November 14th, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm;

AND THAT COUNCIL authorize relief from the Noise By-law to the Thornbury BIA for their "Olde Fashioned Christmas" event on Bruce Street North on December 13th, 2008 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

B. Background

This matter is being referred directly to Council given that the next Finance & Administration Committee meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 2008 and that the related recommendations would not be considered by Council prior to November 14th, 2008 Tree Lighting event.

The Request

The Thornbury BIA will be hosting their first "Tree Lighting" event on November 14th, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The Thornbury BIA will be hosting their annual "Olde Fashioned Christmas" event on December 13th, 2008 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

The Noise By-law

Council has on a number of occasions granted relief from the Noise by-law for Special Events such as significant family gathers, "special" birthday celebrations and wedding as well as Community Events such as Olde Fashioned Christmas and The Blue Mountains Library Parking lot Party.

Summary

The proponent is requesting relief from the Noise By-law for specific community events. As noted above, it has been Council's practice to provide an exemption to the Noise By-law for these types of events.

Recommendation(s)

Town Staff are recommending that Council grant exemptions to the Noise By-law for these specific events and that the Thornbury BIA advise neighbouring residents of this event and the potential of noise.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

"Providing a strong, well managed municipal government."

D. Environmental Impacts

N/A

E. Budget Impact

N/A

F. Addendums

A. Request from Maggie Kennedy, BIA

Prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon Long
Administrative Assistant, Building & By-law

David Finbow
Director, Building & By-law/CBO

F. A.

November 2, 2008

Dear Town of the Blue Mountains Council,

I am writing to you to formally request a noise bylaw exemption for the Thornbury B.I.A.'s Christmas events. We would like to request a noise bylaw exemption for both the Tree Lighting event on Friday November 14th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm and Olde Fashioned Christmas on Saturday December 13th from 10:00am to 10:00pm. Both are annual family oriented community events that are free to the public.

At the Tree lighting on Friday November 14th we are planning on having the Salvation Army band play for 30 minutes outside the Town of the Blue Mountains Town Hall. There will also be Christmas carols sang at the event.

At Olde Fashioned Christmas on Saturday December 13th we are planning on a live ice carving at the Hester Street Parkette starting at 10:00am as well as Christmas carols throughout the day.

Please let me know if you have any concerns regarding either event or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 705-606-2225 or by e-mail at Maggie@georgian.net.

Thanking you in advance for your support,

Maggie Kennedy

Event Coordinator, Thornbury B.I.A.