

STAFF REPORT: Planning and Building Services Department



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: January 10, 2011
REPORT NO.: PL.11.01
SUBJECT: Environmental Noise Guideline - Draft
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council does hereby receive Planning Staff Report PL.11.01, Environmental Noise Guideline – Draft for information purposes.

B. Background

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is proposing to replace three existing noise-related guidelines with the proposed updated draft *Environmental Noise Guideline – Noise Assessment Criteria for Stationary Sources and for Land Use Planning (Publication NPC-300)*. The MOE has stated the advice provided in the proposed updated Environmental Noise Guideline concerning noise can be used for land use planning decisions to promote appropriate new development in a manner that is compatible with existing land uses. The draft Guideline has been posted on the Environmental Registry under EBR Registry Number: 011-0598 for a 60 day public review and comment period ending on January 15, 2011.

Staff participated in the stakeholder meeting held on Thursday, December 16, 2010 which the MOE organized. The MOE provided an overview and solicited feedback on the draft NPC-300 guideline at the meeting at which time Town staff did not have any comments to add. Additionally, Staff have no comments to offer through the Environmental Registry process. Staff will periodically check with the MOE as to the status of the draft *Environmental Noise Guideline – Noise Assessment Criteria for Stationary Sources and for Land Use Planning (Publication NPC-300)*.

Staff have also deferred any work on the review of the Town of The Blue Mountains Noise By-law until the MOE has provided further direction on their review.

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

- 1. Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community.

D. Environmental Impacts

There are no environmental impacts regarding this draft document at the present time.

E. Budget Impact

Staff time to amend the Official Plan. Staff time for enforcement.

F. Attachments

Not applicable.

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