

From: Anthony Belcher [REDACTED]

To: Ellen Anderson

Cc: Duncan McKinlay

Sent: Sat Jul 09 22:35:26 2011

Subject: Horse Park noise

F.1

Dear Mayor Anderson and Deputy Mayor McKinley,

I'm appalled that the Town of Blue Mountain Council has permitted use of the Horse Park for such an event as that this weekend. I live 5 km from the venue, and, for the second night in a row, my household is being subjected to extremely loud music until late at night (until after midnight last night). I can only imagine the nuisance this is causing to immediate neighbours such as the Dykstras.

I thought that the Town was trying to project a family-oriented image similar to that of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Surely, this is not the way to do this.

If the re-zoning has allowed such a use of the lands, then I urge you to use other regulations such as special events permits or the noise by-law to prevent a recurrence of such a mishap next year.

Thank you,

Anthony Belcher

F.2

David Finbow

From: Ellen Anderson
Sent: July 12, 2011 1:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: David Finbow
Subject: Re: Ribfest, Horse Show, Cedar Run Rezoning Application

Thankyou for providing your comments.

From: GAIL CRESSWELL [REDACTED]
To: Ellen Anderson
Sent: Tue Jul 12 11:53:44 2011
Subject: Fw: Ribfest, Horse Show, Cedar Run Rezoning Application

--- On Mon, 7/11/11, GAIL CRESSWELL [REDACTED] wrote:

From: GAIL CRESSWELL [REDACTED]
Subject: Ribfest, Horse Show, Cedar Run Rezoning Application
To: cgiles@thebluemountains.ca
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Date: Monday, July 11, 2011, 12:05 PM

We have had the good fortune to be residents of Thornbury for over 23 years. We have often expressed to people what an amazing town Thornbury is. It is a well governed town with great businesses, top notch shops and restaurants, hardware store, landscape businesses, and more. It is beautifully located on Georgian Bay, and the Beaver River and has just completed a new municipal office complex that is architecturally pleasing and nicely positioned at the entrance to the main centre of town. We are strong and proud supporters of the businesses charities, and events in Thornbury. Until this weekend, it has been our intention to continuing living here forever.

We are extremely upset at the unacceptable and constant noise level from the horse show and the Ribfest. Loud music could be heard at our house as if we were sitting by the stage and this continued Friday, Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night until 1 am and all day Sunday. When we left our house, we could hear the same level of noise wherever we ventured in the Thornbury and valley area. We could also hear the announcements from the horse show clearly, as though we were part of the event.

Friends of ours told us they could hear the noise on the golf course and homes at Lora Bay.

This should never have been allowed by the Town. The whole tone of Thornbury was changed. It felt more like one would expect in Wasaga Beach, although we were told that Wasaga Beach would never allow such a thing. We now have learned that a rezoning application is pending before the Town by the Cedar Run Horse Park facility to allow these sorts of "special events" as of right. We were not aware of this application before today and wish to file an objection to the passage of this by-law on the basis of our experiences over this past weekend.

Don and Gail Cresswell
115 Fieldcrest Court
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F.3

David Finbow

From: Corrina Giles
Sent: July 15, 2011 2:50 PM
To: George W. Adams; Ellen Anderson
Cc: Duncan McKinlay; Gail Ardiel; R.J. Gamble; Joe Halos; Michael Martin; John McKean; David Finbow; Greg Miller; Sharon Long
Subject: RE: Noise Emanating from Cedar Run Park on July 8 and 9, 2011

Good afternoon Mr. Adams,
Thank you for your email. By way of copy, I have forwarded your email to Planning and Building Department to be included as correspondence in an upcoming Planning and Building Committee meeting.

I have attached the hyperlink to the Deputation Form for you to complete to be added as an addition to an upcoming Planning and Building Committee meeting.

http://www.thebluemountains.ca/public_docs/documents/Deputation%20Form2.pdf

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From: George W. Adams
Sent: July 15, 2011 2:09 PM
To: Ellen Anderson
Cc: Duncan McKinlay; Gail Ardiel; R.J. Gamble; Joe Halos; Michael Martin; John McKean; Corrina Giles
Subject: RE: Noise Emanating from Cedar Run Park on July 8 and 9, 2011

Dear Mayor Anderson,
We have a home at [redacted] in Thornbury. Last weekend (July 8 and 9, 2011), we were bombarded by "music" emanating from Cedar Run Park from early morning to late evening ending at 1:00 a.m. each day. We could not enjoy the outdoors - even being indoors became stressful - one could not get away from the constant heavy beat of the "music". Upon contacting the Town's bylaw enforcement officer, we

learned that the Town Council had granted an exemption to Cedar Run for this July weekend. We have further learned that, since March 2011 the Town Council has been considering a request by Cedar Run for a permanent exemption! We were not aware of this request and had we been informed, we would have attended in March 2011 to object as last summer at the end of August 2010, there was a similar disruption by Cedar Run to the peace and quiet of the community. At the time we assumed it was a one-time occurrence. Mara and I strongly object to the blanket exemption which was given without any restrictions as to the acceptable loudness and we also object to the lateness of the hour – 1:00 pm. is not acceptable. In the future, if exemptions are to be given, we ask that the adverse impact on families and residents in the surrounding area and the impact on property values be taken into consideration by Council. On weekends when Cedar Run is allowed to hold such late and noise-related events, we will be required to leave our homes. We fail to understand how this could be allowed to happen, particularly without notice, community consultation and a study of the impact on the nearby residents and the available alternatives.

I would request that you bring our complaint to Town Council's attention and I would appreciate an opportunity of addressing Council on this matter before any future decision is made. I am copying in Deputy Mayor McKinlay, all Councillors and the Town Clerk.

We trust that you and your colleagues will deal with this matter fairly now that you are aware of the consequences of the most recently granted noise bylaw exemption to Cedar Run Park and that there are serious objections to any recurrence.

We look forward to hearing from you and the Town Clerk.

Yours very truly,

George and Mara Adams

[REDACTED]
Thornbury

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F.4

David Finbow

From: Corrina Giles
Sent: July 12, 2011 10:20 AM
To: David Finbow
Subject: FW: Ribfest

FYI

Corrina Giles

From: Bill Boadway [REDACTED]
Sent: July 12, 2011 9:22 AM
To: Wayne Dewitt
Cc: Corrina Giles; Greg Miller
Subject: Re: Ribfest

Wayne

It does not seem very creative on the towns part, to permit no limitations and provisions to the noise by-law. for such an event.

In other words the town granted a permit to the Rotary club to act in a manner they saw fit, without regards to the residents.

Council could have been more responsible in their decision to grant the permit.

Thank for your response.

Bill Boadway

----- Original Message -----

From: [Wayne Dewitt](#)
To: [Bill Boadway](#)
Cc: [Greg Miller](#) ; [Corrina Giles](#)
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 8:54 AM
Subject: RE: Ribfest

Mr. Boadway;

To confirm our telephone discussion of yesterday, this event had an exemption granted by Council, so the limitations and provisions of the Noise By-Law do not apply.

I am not aware of the re-zoning you speak of but by copy of the response to C. Giles, Clerk, she may be able to provide more information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, at anytime, if I can be of assistance.

From: Bill Boadway [REDACTED]
Sent: July 11, 2011 5:46 PM
To: Wayne Dewitt
Cc: Ellen Anderson
Subject: Ribfest

Wayne

We are firm believers in service clubs, and the good they do in the communities. However, we do not feel that it was necessary to be subjected to three days of loud music, that could be heard for miles, ie Lora Bay, particularly until 12:pm Friday, and 1:00 am Saturday nights. We cannot understand why the town would extend a permit to the Thornbury Rotary Club, that would allow this constant noise for the three days. Is this not contrary to the bylaw that says "such volume that would disturb the peace, and quiet enjoyment of the lands is not permitted"?

We have since learned, that the town has an application pending from Cedar Run for rezoning, that would allow Cedar Run to have the Rights to similar special events.

If there is such an application pending, we wish to file an objection to this By-Law, so that we do not have repeat performances similar to the Rotary Ribfest. We should not be subjected to noise, like this past weekend in the future

Susan and Bill Boadway

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