

STAFF REPORT: BUILDING & BY-LAW DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: June 9th, 2008
REPORT NO.: SRB.08.34
SUBJECT: "Bridges Tavern", 27 Bridge Street East
PREPARED BY: Sharon Long, Admin. Assistant Bldg & B/L

A. Recommendations

THAT COUNCIL receive Staff Report SRB.08.34 and make a determination with respect to the following requests for exemption from the Noise By-law as they relate to "Bridges Tavern", 27 Bridge Street East:

ITEM	DATE (2008)	EVENT	MEETS CRITERIA
1	June 21	Birthday Party/Summer Solstice (7:00 pm – 11:00 pm)	No
2	June 27, 28, 29	Gretzky Classic (7:00 pm – 11:00 pm)	Possibly – May be deemed by Council to be related to an event that is expected to promote the community provincially, nationally or internationally as determined by Council
3	July 1	Fireworks (9:30 pm – 10:30 pm)	Yes – Event associated with declared Statutory Holiday
4	August 1, 2, 3	Live music outside (7:00 pm – 11:00 pm)	No – August 4 is the Statutory Holiday
5	August 8	Wedding (7:00 pm – 11:00 pm)	Yes – Wedding
6	August 30	Jimmy Buffet Party (7:00 pm – 11:00 pm)	No

B. Background

The Request & Public Notice

1. The Town is in receipt of a request from the Operator of the subject premises for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law (Addendum "A").
2. The request related to "Each Friday in July and August live music 5pm – 7pm outside" has not been included in the Table Summary as the making of noise in conjunction with the use of the premise is permitted until 7:00 pm.
3. In response to this request, Town Staff provided notice (Addendum "B") to neighbouring property owners within 60 metres of the subject property.
4. No comments to this circulation were received by 12:00 noon on June 4th, 2008.

The Noise By-law

1. Section 3 of the Noise By-law also permits the making of noises or sounds related to the non-residential use of land permitted by a by-law enacted by the municipality pursuant to the applicable Zoning By-law from 07:00 to 19:00.
2. It is important to note that outdoor events in themselves outside of 07:00 to 19:00 are not prohibited. It becomes prohibited in the instance where such events disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant.

Previous Requests for Exception

Council has on a number of occasions granted relief from the Noise By-law for Special Events such as significant family gatherings, “special” birthday celebrations and weddings as well as Community Events such as Old Fashioned Christmas and The Blue Mountains Public Library Annual Parking Lot Party.

D. Environmental Impacts

N/A

E. Budget Impact

N/A

E. Addendums

- A. Request from Bridges Tavern
- B. Sample Notice Letter & Circulation Area
- C. Office Consolidation of the Noise By-law
- D. Policy Document – “Criteria & Process – Noise By-law Relief Requests”

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