

**STAFF REPORT: BUILDING & BY-LAW DEPARTMENT**



**REPORT TO:** Council  
**MEETING DATE:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
**REPORT NO.:** SRB.09.13  
**SUBJECT:** "Bridges Tavern", 27 Bridge Street East  
**PREPARED BY:** Sharon Long, Admin. Assistant Bldg & B/L

**A. Recommendations**

**THAT COUNCIL** receive Staff Report SRB.09.13 and authorize relief from the Town's Noise By-law to Meredith Brown, "Bridges Tavern", 27 Bridge Street East, so as to permit an exception to the Noise By-law as follows:

1. June 20, 2009 (Sat) – Louisiana Summer Solstice
2. July 3 & 4, 2009 (Fri, Sat) – Canada Day Celebrations
3. July 9, 10 & 11, 2009 (Thurs, Fri, Sat) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nationwide Golf Tournament
4. July 18, 2009 (Sat) – Lora Bay Member Appreciation
5. July 25, 2009 (Sat) – Beaver Valley Ski Club Party
6. July 31, August 1 & August 2, 2009 (Fri, Sat, Sun) – Civic Holiday Celebrations; and
7. September 5, 2009 (Sat) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jimmy Buffet Party

until 23:00 (11:00 p.m.) to facilitate events/celebrations; and

**THAT COUNCIL** refuse the related request for relief on:

8. July 5, 2009 (Sun) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nationwide Golf Tournament

**B. Background**

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 is similar to previous requests made by the applicant that have been authorized by Council save and except for the July 5, 2009 request that is on a Sunday evening that is not the day preceding a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday.
3. Section 3 of the Noise By-law (Addendum "C") authorizes the making of noises or sounds authorized by the municipality.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Events held by the Operator in 2008 did not result in complaints being filed with the Ontario Provincial Police or the municipality.
7. The consultation period related to the Draft Noise By-law has been completed. Town Staff reported earlier to the Finance & Administration Committee on the public consultation and are now in the process of finalizing a new Noise By-law for Council's consideration later this spring or early summer.

### **Summary**

1. The proponent is requesting relief from the Noise By-law for a specific event. As noted above, it has been Council's practice to provide an exemption to the Noise By-law for these events to 23:00 (11:00 p.m.).
2. A copy of this Staff Report has been provided to the proponent.

### **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

*"Providing a strong, well managed municipal government."*

### **D. Budget Impact**

N/A

### **E. Addendums**

- A. Request from Bridges Tavern

Prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

---

Sharon Long  
Administrative Assistant, Building & By-law

---

David Finbow  
Director, Planning & Building  
Services

A

Building & By-Law Department  
Town of the Blue Mountains  
Thornbury, On

RECEIVED  
7/17 - 8/1/09  
TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

April 8, 2009

Good Day David,

The summer season is quickly approaching. Bridges would like to apply for the following exemptions from the noise by-law. We would like to run until 11:00pm for each event. Although there may be more planned events, I would like to apply for all confirmed events at once to simplify the processing of our requests.

Date	Event	Details
June 20th	Louisiana Summer Solstice	Outdoor BBQ & Live Cajun Band
July 3, 4, 5	Canada Day Celebrations	Live Music on Patio
July 9, 10, 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Nationwide Golf Tournament	Live Music on Patio
July 18	Lora Bay Member Appreciation	Live Music & Fashion show on Patio
July 25	Beaver Valley Ski Club Party	Live Music on Patio
July 31 -Aug 2	Civic Holiday Celebrations	Live Music on Patio
Sept 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Jimmy Buffet Party	Outdoor BBQ with Live JB Band

If there are any questions regarding any of these events, please feel free to contact me at anytime on my mobile at (705) 441-6531 or [meredith@bridgestavern.com](mailto:meredith@bridgestavern.com).

Regards,



Meredith Brown  
Owner/Operator

Bridges

TAVERN

27 Bridge St East, Thornbury, On N0H 2P0 519.599.2217