

STAFF REPORT: PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: Planning & Building Committee
MEETING DATE: September 9, 2009
REPORT NO.: SRB.09.17
SUBJECT: "Bridges Tavern", 27 Bridge Street East – Noise By-law Relief Request
PREPARED BY: Sharon Long, Admin. Assistant, Planning & Building Services

A. Recommendations

THAT COUNCIL receive Staff Report SRB.09.17 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 to facilitate a wedding celebration on September 20, 2009 with the relief being limited to the making of noise until 22:00 (10:00 p.m.)

B. Background

The Request

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") on September 20, 2009.

Section 3 e) of the Noise By-law 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. It is noted that outdoor events in themselves outside of 07:00 to 19:00 are not prohibited. The making of noise is prohibited in the instance where such events are likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant.

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. Council's practice has been to provide an exemption to the Noise By-law for these events to 23:00 (11:00 p.m.) save and except for Sunday through to Thursday evenings where same has been limited to 22:00 (10:00 p.m.).

Town Staff are therefore recommending that Council grant an exemption to the Noise By-law for this event with a condition that same only applies to 22:00 (10:00 p.m.),

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
- B. Office Consolidation of the Noise By-law

Prepared by:

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A.

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

April 8, 2009

Good Day David,

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.

~~August 29th - Musicfest at Bridges a live music festival featuring local and upcoming artists. 11am - 11pm on the patio~~

Sunday Sept 20th: Shantz Wedding: music on patio until 11pm

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.

Regards,

Meredith Brown
Owner/Operator



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



B.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

BY-LAW 2002 – 9

Office Consolidation
(By-laws 2002-60 & 2004-16)

Being a By-law to prohibit or regulate noises within the municipality likely to disturb.

WHEREAS Section 210 (138) of the *Municipal Act*, chap. M.45, R.S.O. 1990 and amendments thereto enables the councils of local municipalities to pass by-laws for prohibition or regulation within the municipality of noises likely to disturb the inhabitants;

AND WHEREAS section 61 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, chap. P.33, R.S.O. 1990 and amendments thereto provides for a general maximum penalty upon conviction not to exceed \$5,000.00;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to pass a by-law for the prohibition or regulation of noise within the municipality in a format that would allow enforcement by both a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer and the Ontario Provincial Police;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT no person shall make noise or cause noise to be made or permit noise to be made that would be likely to disturb the inhabitants of the municipality.
2. THAT for the purposes of Section 1, the following noises or sounds, among others, shall be deemed likely to disturb the inhabitants of the municipality:
 - (a) The sound or noise from, or created by, any radio, television, phonograph, or any other electronic device, or any musical or sound producing instrument of whatsoever kind when such radio, television, phonograph, device or instrument is played or operated in such a manner or with such volume likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel, or any other type of residence.
 - (b) The yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, singing, or any other sound made by an individual in such a manner which is likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any other inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel or any other type of residence.
 - (c) The operation of construction vehicles or the act of construction between the hours of 19:00 hours of any weekday to 07:00 hours of the next weekday save and except Saturday from 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours which is likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any other inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel or any other type of residence, unless written permission to specifically extend or alter the hereinbefore mentioned time periods has been given in writing by Council.

- (d) The sound from the operation of any powered or non-powered tool, for domestic purposes (other than snow removal) which is operated in such a manner likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, apartment building, hotel, motel or any other type of residence, between the hours of 23:00 hours of one day to 07:00 hours of the next day (09:00 hours on Sundays).
- (e) The persistent noise made by any domestic pet, or any animals kept for commercial purposes, likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort, or repose of any inhabitant in the same building or in the neighbourhood, at any time.
- (f) The grating, grinding, rattling noise or any other noise caused by a condition of disrepair or maladjustment of any motor vehicle or other vehicle whatsoever or part or accessory thereof likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any other inhabitant within the municipality.

3. THAT this By-law does not affect:

- a) Any bona fide agricultural use or practice engaged in by a bona fide farmer or employee thereof.
- b) The operation of snow-making machinery or snow-grooming vehicles.
- c) The operation of snow-removal equipment.
- d) Noises or sounds authorized by the municipality. (By-law No. 2002-60)
- e) Noises or sounds related to the non-residential use of land that is permitted by a by-law enacted by the municipality pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act* between the hours of 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours. (By-law 2002-60)
- f) Noises or sounds related to the non-residential use of land that is permitted pursuant to the regulations made under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning And Development Act* between the hours of 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours. (By-law 2002-60)
- g) Noises or sounds authorized by the Blue Mountain Village Association originating within the "Village at Blue Mountain" (Parts 1-40, 16R-7451) between the hours of 07:00 hours and 23:00 hours. (By-law No. 2002-60)
- h) Noises or sounds related to the use of lands known as Part of Lot 5 and Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, Roll No.: 7-046-02, by the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club Inc. between the hours of 08:00 and 21:00 on any day, subject to any Provincial or Federal Statute or Regulation with regard to the discharge of firearms and/or weapons. (By-law 2004-16)

4. THAT every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

5. THAT should any section, clause or provision of this By-law be declared by a court of a competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the By-law as a whole or in part hereof, other than the part which was declared to be invalid.

6. THAT Township of Collingwood By-laws No. 92-28, 95-37 and 96-9, Town of Thornbury By-law No. 20A-1983 and Town of The Blue Mountain By-law No. 2000-44 are hereby rescinded and repealed.

Read a first and second time this 28 day of January, 2002.

Read a third time and passed this 28 day of January, 2002

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Ross Arthur, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk