

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Strategic & Legal Affairs

Civic Affairs



To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Brianna Coughlin, Division Leader – Civic Affairs
Date: May 31, 2023
Subject: Noise By-law Review

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

Background

Noise within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Lakeshore is currently regulated through By-law 106-2007, being a by-law to control noise (Appendix A).

Complaints relating to excessive noise are investigated and enforced, if applicable, by both the By-law Division (during regular business hours) and the Ontario Provincial Police.

At the August 9, 2022 meeting, Council passed Resolution #313-08-2022:

Prioritize an update to the Noise By-law that includes consultation in the near future and consultation in 2023.

Comments

Administration will be undertaking a public consultation process to solicit input from local residents and stakeholders relating to noise control. A survey will be available for approximately 6 weeks throughout July and August and an open house scheduled for August 17, 2023. Administration will be meeting with the OPP as well as requesting stakeholder meetings with the Belle River Business Improvement Association and the Heavy Construction Association for additional targeted input.

In particular, Administration will be gathering input regarding types of prohibited noise, exemptions for permitted events and associated fees. Some principles to explore:

- Types of noise to be regulated (“normal” noise levels vs disturbing noise)

- Quiet hours (ex: 7 PM to 7 AM)
- Zone-specific noise levels (ex: residential vs industrial areas)
- Temporary noise exemptions for special events.

Financial Impacts

The cost of the public engagement is estimated to be \$5,000 which was approved in the 2023 Budget.

Attachments

Appendix A – By-law 106-2007 (Noise By-law)

Report Approval Details

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