

Please be advised that the City of Oshawa Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services is seeking feedback regarding the City's Noise By-law 112-82 ("Noise By-law") and specifically the exemption process relating to **Construction Noise**. A copy of the [Noise By-law is available online](#).

Presently, the Noise By-law establishes a blanket exemption for **Construction Noise** occurring:

- between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Saturday on any day that is not a Holiday; and,
- on Sunday between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Individuals may currently apply for exemptions to the By-law in order to undertake construction work outside of these permitted times by submitting a request to City Clerk Services for consideration and approval by the Corporate Services Committee ("Committee") and City Council ("Council").

In May 2019, Council directed staff to examine the following in relation to noise exemption requests - "That in the future, when the City of Oshawa receives an application for extension of hours for noise generation that the City circulate a notice to area residents prior to the application being heard at Committee."

Accordingly, staff are working on a proposed process to be presented to Committee and Council for approval and are requesting feedback.

The proposed process is as follows:

1. Applicants will be required to submit an application and pay a \$250 application fee at least sixty (60) days in advance of the activity. The sixty (60) day timeline is required to allow sufficient time for staff to undertake public notice activities and to allow for public feedback to be received.
2. City staff will send a letter to all property owners within one-hundred and twenty (120) metres of the site, via regular mail, advising of details of the request, the date of the Committee meeting when the request will be considered, and methods of submitting feedback to City Clerk Services.
3. The Noise Exemption Request application and any public feedback will appear on the next Committee meeting agenda for consideration.
4. If approved at Committee, Council approval would then be required.
5. If the request is approved by Council, staff will provide notice of the approved exemption on the City's website, to the applicant, and to those who provided comments.

As a reminder, the Province has recently passed Ontario Regulation 131/20, resulting in all municipal noise by-laws across Ontario to be suspended for the next 18 months. The outcome of the City's review will not be in effect until after this time has passed. The regulation can be found - [here](#).

Nevertheless, given the far-reaching effects that COVID-19 has had on the Chapter members and industry at-large, BILD will be providing a letter to staff requesting a deferral of this review, until the COVID-19 situation is stabilized.

Members with any comments at this time are asked to direct them to mlels_policy@oshawa.ca by April 24, 2020.

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