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Subject: noise by-law exemption request- Georgian Hills

Please provide a copy of the following email to the TBM Councillors in advance of the meeting this coming Monday. I will attend that meeting and would like an opportunity to address these issues before Council.

Regards

Dear TBM Councillors

I am writing following the COW meeting of May 15/23 and my deputation at that meeting, as well as the supplementary exemption request on behalf of Georgian Hills dated May 15 (relating to four additional dates) and in advance of Council's meeting on May 29/23 to consider possible ratification of its preliminary approval.

I commend the steps taken by TBM staff and the applicants following the May 15 meeting to work with local residents to address the concerns that have been raised.

To date these steps include an onsite meeting to measure noise levels resulting from amplified music/speeches etc at events at Georgian Hills. Further efforts of this nature (such as to measure noise levels during evening/weekend periods) are encouraged.

I respectfully offer the following comments/suggestions regarding Council's further consideration of this matter:

- any approval (including ratification) of the applicant's requests (or future requests) should be conditional on:

a. the installation of effective noise monitoring equipment (such as the "noise aware" technology referred to by CAO Everitt) in appropriate locations at or near the perimeter of the Georgian Hills property

b. establishing appropriate maximum acceptable noise levels (measured at the location of the installed noise monitoring equipment) which are not to be exceeded at any time during the events in question.

Based on the Ontario provincial Environmental Noise Guideline (see Table B-1 in the attached <https://www.ontario.ca/page/environmental-noise-guideline-stationary-and-transportation-sources-approval-and-planning>) this level should not exceed 45 dBA between 0700-1900 and 40 dBA at other times as prescribed for rural areas. For comparison purposes I note that even in the country's largest city maximum permitted noise levels are 55dBA (0700-2300) and 50 dBA (2300-0700) - see attached Toronto Noise Regulations summary. As indicated in the provincial guideline the acceptable levels in a rural area like Victoria Corners should be correspondingly lower.

c. establishing an effective mechanism for both the applicants and TBM staff to monitor noise levels in real time (which I understand that the noise aware technology does) in order that the applicants can ensure (in real time) that acceptable noise levels are not exceeded and TBM staff can monitor/confirm/intervene in a timely manner if noise levels are exceeded.

d. establishing a means by which noise complaints can be communicated to the applicants and TBM staff and will be addressed in real time.

I trust these suggestions are of assistance and I look forward to discussing this matter further at the meeting on May 29.

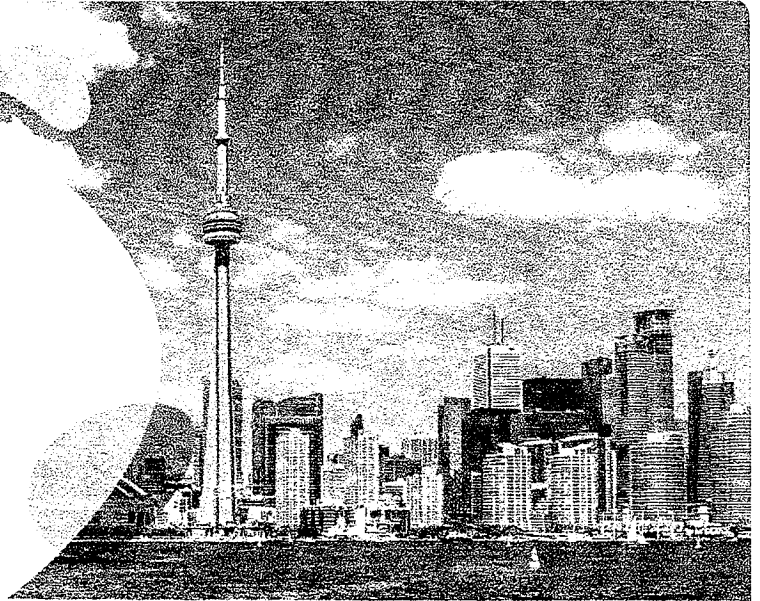
Regards

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Toronto Noise Regulations

Population: 2.93 million



Category

What's included?

24 Details



Amplified sound

Electronics,
loudspeakers

- Can't exceed 50 dB from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Can't exceed 55 dB from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.



Animals

All animal barking,
calling, whining,
persistent noise

- Not permitted at any time



Construction

Sound from
construction
equipment

- Prohibited on Sundays and holidays
- Prohibited M-F from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.



Unnecessary motor
sound, horns, revving

- Not permitted at any time