



# Staff Report

## By-law Enforcement

**Report To:** COW\_Finance\_Admin\_Fire\_Community\_Services  
**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024  
**Report Number:** FAF.24.032  
**Title:** Georgian Hills Vineyard 2024 and 2025 Noise By- law Relief Requests  
**Prepared by:** Emily Beauchamp, Administrative Assistant, By-law Services

### A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.032, entitled “Georgian Hills Vineyard 2024 and 2025 Noise By- law Relief Requests”;

AND THAT Council authorize or deny the requests for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for the 2024 and 2025 events as specified in this report.

### B. Overview

This report provides the details of a request for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for Council’s consideration.

At this time, Georgian Hills Vineyard has not scheduled any weddings for 2025 as they need to secure noise exemption dates in order to ensure those dates will be available for events.

### C. Background

The Town is in receipt of a request for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law (Attachment 1) for multiple event dates throughout 2024 and 2025 at Georgian Hills Vineyard at 496350 Grey Road 2. All of the 2024 dates are for weddings except for one charity event. A charity event is also scheduled for July 20, 2025; the remaining dates requested for 2025 do not have events scheduled at this point. The requested times vary per event, but the start and end times fall between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. The requested dates and details are as follows:

#### 2024

DATE	EVENT TYPE	TIME (MUSIC PLAYING)	MUSIC TYPE	GUEST COUNT
Saturday, June 15	Wedding - Full	4pm to 12am	DJ	130

Saturday, June 22	Wedding Ceremony Only	3pm to 6pm	Personal Speakers	60
Friday, July 5	Wedding	4:30pm to 12am	DJ	100
Saturday, July 13	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	90
Saturday, July 20	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	80
Sunday, July 21	CHARITY	11am to 6pm	LIVE	250
Saturday, July 27	Wedding	4pm to 12am	BAND to 11pm DJ to 12am	110
Saturday, August 10	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	120
Saturday, August 17	Wedding	4pm to 12am	BAND to 11pm DJ to 12am	100
Saturday, August 24	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	60
Saturday, August 31	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	110
Saturday, September 7	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	104
Saturday, September 14	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	80

**2025**

DATE	EVENT TYPE	TIME (MUSIC PLAYING)	MUSIC TYPE	GUEST COUNT
Saturday, June 14				
Saturday, June 21				
Saturday, July 5				
Saturday, July 12				
Saturday, July 19				
Sunday, July 20	CHARITY EVENT	12pm to 6pm	Live	
Saturday, July 26				
Saturday, August 9				
Saturday, August 16				
Saturday, August 23				
Saturday, September 6				
Saturday, September 13				

It is noted in the application that tent walls will be up by 9:00 p.m. to buffer noise, bass will be

turned off completely, and there will be no use of microphones past 9:00 p.m. Volume will be further reduced by 11:00 p.m.

Because the above-noted events are taking place on a commercial property, the decision of whether to approve or deny these requests must be made by Council.

## **D. Analysis**

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Georgian Hills has submitted similar Noise By-law exemption requests in previous years and Council resolved to grant these requests. By-law services did receive concerns about multiple exemptions and complaints about noise from a nearby resident in 2022.

Staff provided a [FAF.23.164 follow up report](#) to council on November 6, 2023, after communicating with the neighbours of Georgian Hills Vineyard at the conclusion of the 2023 Noise Relief Requests.

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.

In accordance with the procedures set out in our Policy & Procedures for Noise By-law Relief Requests, notice to the residents within 120 metres of 496350 Grey Road 2 was circulated on February 6, 2024. The deadline for residents to submit comments is February 21, 2024, which exceeds the date of submission for this report. As of the date of submission of this report no responses have been received, however, any additional information will be provided by a representative of the By-law Services Department at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 26, 2024.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **1. Communication and Engagement**

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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N/A

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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N/A

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Debbie Young, Interim Manager of By-law & Licensing

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Emily Beauchamp, Administrative Assistant, By-law Services [bylawadmin@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:bylawadmin@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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1. Noise By-law 2002-9, Office Consolidation
2. Copy of the application from Georgian Hills Vineyard
3. Map showing Georgian Hills Vineyard event location and properties within 120 metres

Respectfully submitted,

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Debbie Young  
Interim Manager of By-law & Licensing.

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### Report Approval Details

Document Title:	FAF.24.032 Georgian Hills Vineyard 2024 and 2025 Noise By-law Relief Requests.docx
Attachments:	- Att. 1 2002-9-Noise-By-law-Office-Consolidation.pdf - Att. 2 Application.pdf - Att. 3 Map.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Feb 14, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Debbie Young - Feb 13, 2024 - 11:17 AM**

**Ryan Gibbons - Feb 14, 2024 - 3:27 PM**