



# Staff Report

## By-law Enforcement

**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** March 11, 2024  
**Report Number:** FAF.24.038  
**Title:** Georgian Hills Vineyard 2024 and 2025 Noise By- law Relief Requests  
**Prepared by:** Debbie Young, Interim Manager of By-law & Licensing

### A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.038, entitled “Georgian Hills Vineyard Follow-Up Report 2024 and 2025 Noise By-law Relief Requests”;

AND THAT, further to consideration of Staff Report FAF.24.032 entitled “Georgian Hills Vineyard 2024 and 2025 Noise By-law Relief Requests” considered at the February 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council approves the requests for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for Georgian Hills Vineyard for the 2024 and 2025 calendar years, as listed below, with the following conditions:

1. Georgian Hills Vineyard shall designate a responsible person that can be contacted real time during events and with municipal enforcement response contact information being provided by the Town to the residents within one hundred and twenty (120) meter radius of the Georgian Hills Vineyard property;
2. Georgian Hills Vineyard will provide decibel data for six events in 2024 and six events in 2025 to be determined and requested by Town staff post events, and additionally where a complaint has been received by the Town; and
3. All 2025 events at Georgian Hills Vineyard will be by a DJ that has been as authorized by Georgian Hills Vineyard.

2024 DATES	EVENT TYPE	TIME (MUSIC PLAYING)	MUSIC TYPE	GUEST COUNT
Saturday, June 15, 2024	Wedding - Full	4pm to 12am	DJ	130
Saturday, June 22, 2024	Wedding Ceremony Only	3pm to 6pm	Personal Speakers	60
Friday, July 5, 2024	Wedding	4:30pm to 12am	DJ	100

Saturday, July 13, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	90
Saturday, July 20, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	80
Sunday, July 21, 2024	CHARITY	11am to 6pm	LIVE	250
Saturday, July 27, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	BAND to 11pm DJ to 12am	110
Saturday, August 10, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	120
Saturday, August 17, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	BAND to 11pm DJ to 12am	100
Saturday, August 24, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	60
Saturday, August 31, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	110
Saturday, September 7, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	104
Saturday, September 14, 2024	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	80

2025 DATES	EVENT TYPE	TIME (MUSIC PLAYING)	MUSIC TYPE	GUEST COUNT
Saturday, June 14, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, June 21, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, July 5, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, July 12, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, July 19, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Sunday, July 20, 2025	CHARITY EVENT	12pm to 6pm	Live	300 Max
Saturday, July 26, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, August 9, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, August 16, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, August 23, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, September 6, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max
Saturday, September 13, 2025	Wedding	4pm to 12am	DJ	150 Max

## **B. Overview**

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This report provides further information to Staff Report ["FAF.24.032 Georgian Hills Vineyard 2024 and 2025 Noise By-law Relief Requests"](#) considered at the February 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **C. Background**

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This report is provided further to the February 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding Staff Report FAF.24.032, where the Committee provided the following recommendation:

### **B.9.1 Georgian Hills Vineyard 2024 and 2025 Noise By- law Relief Requests, FAF.24.032**

Moved by: Mayor Matrosovs

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bordignon

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

AND THAT Council authorizes the requests for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for the 2024 and 2025 events listed in staff report FAF.24.032, on the condition that:

1. Georgian Hills Vineyard designates a responsible person with real-time contact information provided to neighbours;
2. Georgian Hills Vineyard will provide decibel data for six events, as identified by staff, and additionally where a complaint has been received
3. 2025 events will be by a DJ as authorized by Georgian Hills Vineyard

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a report to Council, prior to further exemption requests, for Council consideration.

Yay (6): Mayor Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Bordignon, Councillor Hope, Councillor Maxwell, Councillor McKinlay, and Councillor Porter

Conflict (1): Councillor Ardiel

**The motion is Carried (6 to 0)**

## **D. Analysis**

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Georgian Hills has submitted similar Noise By-law exemption requests in previous years and Council has granted those requests with some modifications.

Staff has included in the recommendation of this report within Condition 1 that the Town shall provide residents within the one hundred and twenty (120) meter radius of the Georgian Hills property. This radius will include the residents that received the original notice of this Relief to

the Noise By law request. This ensures that complaints are received through the Municipal By law call service, and that calls are logged, responded to and tracked. This process is also consistent with the Municipal Licensing Responsible Person protocol.

The majority of the listed events that are included in the recommendation have identified maximum capacities of between sixty (60) and one hundred and fifty (150) people. There are two charity events that are scheduled for Sundays that have capacities of two hundred and fifty (250) in 2024 and three hundred (300) in 2025. These two larger events have a timing of 11a.m. to 6p.m. and do not continue into the evening hours.

It is important to note and clarify that Town staff does retain the ability to revoke the relief of the Noise By law that Council may provide approval where it has been determined by Town staff that the conditions that have been identified have not been fulfilled and where the activities of events have become a nuisance based on the findings of staff. Staff also acknowledge that this determination will require the provision of evidence of the conditions not being fulfilled and or the nuisance has been determined. In addition, it is anticipated that some of this evidence will also be based on the subjectivity of the responding Municipal By law Enforcement Officers, Town staff or the Ontario Provincial Police. Consideration of such revocation will require consultation with the Owners of Georgian Hills Vineyard. Staff suggest that based on the conditions contained in this report it is fully expected and anticipated that implementation of the precautionary measures will be in place to avoid concerns in the future, however staff felt it necessary to include this point for clarity and transparency for all parties.

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#### **E. Strategic Priorities 1. Communication and Engagement**

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

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#### **F. Environmental Impacts**

N/A

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#### **G. Financial Impacts**

Staff time and resources will be required to completed audit of data of the six (6) randomly selected events.

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#### **H. In Consultation With**

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

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#### **I. Public Engagement**

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.

In response to the request for an exemption from the Noise By-law, comments have been received from neighbours opposed to the requested noise exemption, those that support the request of Georgian Hills Vineyard, and those that have expressed concern, but may support the request with limitations. All comments received have been forwarded to Council for information and consideration.

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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None

Respectfully submitted,

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

**No Signature - Task assigned to Ryan Gibbons was completed by delegate Shawn Everitt**

**Ryan Gibbons - Mar 4, 2024 - 11:13 AM**