



# Staff Report

## Community Services

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**Report To:** Council  
**Meeting Date:** November 2, 2020  
**Report Number:** CSOPS.20.065  
**Subject:** Remembrance Day Noise By-law Relief and Temporary Road Closure  
**Prepared by:** Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.065, entitled "Remembrance Day Noise By-law Relief and Temporary Road Closure;

AND THAT Council provide relief to the noise by-law on Remembrance Day, November 11, 2020, from 10:00a.m. until noon at 229 Bruce Street, Thornbury;

AND THAT Council provide relief to the noise by-law on Remembrance Day, November 11, 2020, from noon until 2:00p.m. at 628299 Grey Road 119, Ravenna;

AND THAT Council approve the temporary road closure of Bruce Street South from the intersection of Bruce Street South and Marsh Street southwest to the intersection of Duncan Street East/West, and Duncan Street East from the intersection of Duncan Street East/West southeast to Russell Street West, allowing access for local traffic only from 8:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.

### B. Overview

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-281 Beaver Valley-Thornbury will be providing modified Remembrance Day Services at 229 Bruce Street South. This will be completed in partnership with the Town, including The Blue Mountains Public Library livestreaming the service to achieve a safe online event.

The Legion will be using amplified speakers to produce enough sound to create a quality livestream event.

Although there will not be a public gathering for this year's service, the purpose for the temporary road closures will be to setup, cleanup and limit vehicle noise to improve the sound quality for the livestream.

## C. Background

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Local Remembrance Day ceremonies are extremely important to the community as a means of commemorating those in the armed forces, past and present.

Section 3e) 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, however, 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 the Town's Policy and Procedures for Noise By-law Relief Requests, notices to the residents within 120 meters of the event locations were circulated for all events. Due to the timing of the application, the deadline for residents to submit comments exceeds the date of submission for this report. As of the date of submission of this report no responses were received.

Typically, the Ravenna Hall is utilized for a post-service luncheon provided by the community. This year the Ravenna Hall will not be utilized due to the current pandemic restrictions.

### Temporary Road Closure Map



## **D. Analysis**

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Staff are recommending an exemption to the noise by-law and road closure to enhance the quality of production for the online service. If the exemption and road closure are not approved, it will reduce the quality of the online event.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **1. Communications and Engagement**

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

### **2. Organizational Excellence**

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

### **3. Community**

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

### **4. Quality of Life**

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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Remembrance Day Events have very limited environmental impact.

## **G. Financial Impact**

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None

## **H. In consultation with**

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By-law Enforcement Services

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-281

Luncheon providers in Ravenna

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Ryan Gibbons, [directorcs@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorcs@thebluemountains.ca).

Attached

1. Noise By-law Exemption Application – 229 Bruce Street South, Thornbury
2. Noise By-law Exemption Application - 628299 Grey Road 119, Ravenna

Respectfully submitted,

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Ryan Gibbons  
Director, Community Services

For more information, please contact:

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519-599-3131 extension 281



## Application for a Noise By-law Exemption

Town of The Blue Mountains  
Enforcement Services Department  
32 Mill Street, Box 310, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0  
519-599-3131 ext. 249

### For use by Principal Authority

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exemption Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Location (location of the event relief is being requested)

Address: 628299 Grey Rd 119 Kawema

### Applicant Information

Applicant is (check one): Owner \_\_\_\_\_ or, Authorized Agent of Owner ☒  
Name: Ryan Gibbons  
Address: 32 Mill St Thornbury  
Telephone Number: 519-599-3131 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Owner Information (if different from Applicant)

Name: The Blue Mountains  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Type (other events may be considered at the sole discretion of Council)

(check one): Charitable Event \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding/Family Gathering: \_\_\_\_\_ Construction Related \_\_\_\_\_ Other ☒

### Event Details

Event Name (if applicable): Remembrance Day  
Date of Event: November 11, 2020  
Time Range of Event: Noon - 2pm

### Check Yes or No to the Following:

Does the Event promote charitable, educational or community objectives?: Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Does the Event support the community provincially, nationally or internationally?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒  
Is the Event financially supported by the Town? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒  
Have there been any prior Noise By-law infractions associated with this Event?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒

Description of the source of sound: Trumpet, bells & bagpipes - amplified

Proposed Provisions to mitigate the impact of noise to affected residential premises: Limited time duration

Reasons the Noise By-law Exemption should be supported (in the applicant's opinion): Remembrance Day service to acknowledge the sacrifice

**Declaration of Applicant (Note: if owner is not the applicant attach the "Authorization to Act as Agent" form)**

I Ryan Gibbons certify that: the information contained in this application, attached schedules, attached plans and specifications, and other attached documentation is true to the best of my knowledge. If the owner is a corporation or partnership, I have the authority to bind the corporation or partnership.

R. Gibbons  
Signature of Applicant

Oct 26/20  
Date

**Note:**

1. Every application for an exemption shall be submitted a minimum of eight (8) weeks in advance of the proposed event.
2. Every person who contravenes any provision of the Noise By-law No. 2002-09, as amended is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a penalty as provided in the Provincial Offences Act.



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Event Name (if applicable): Remembrance Day Service  
Date of Event: November 11  
Time Range of Event: 10:00am - Noon

### Check Yes or No to the Following:

Does the Event promote charitable, educational or community objectives?:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the Event support the community provincially, nationally or internationally?:	Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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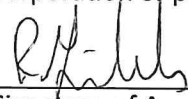
Description of the source of sound: Amplified sound - Trumpets

Proposed Provisions to mitigate the impact of noise to affected residential premises: short duration only

Reasons the Noise By-law Exemption should be supported (in the applicant's opinion): Services are valuable community events w/ limited time durations-

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