



# Staff Report

## Legal Services – By-law

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole  
**Meeting Date:** June 29, 2021  
**Report Number:** FAF.21.121  
**Title:** Georgian Hills Vineyard – 496350 Grey Road 2 – Noise By-law Relief Requests  
**Prepared by:** Wayne DeWitt, Supervisor By-law Enforcement

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.121, entitled “Georgian Hills Vineyard – 496350 Grey Road 2 – Noise By-law Relief Requests”;

AND THAT Council grant conditional relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for weddings taking place on the dates listed below at Georgian Hills Vineyard – 496350 Grey Road 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

- Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

### B. Overview

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

### C. Background

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The Town is in receipt of seven applications requesting relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law (Attachment 1) for weddings taking place on the dates listed below at Georgian Hills Vineyard – 496350 Grey Road 2; each request is from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. It is noted in the applications that the DJ will turn the bass and volume down at 11:00 p.m. and then stop playing music at 12:00 a.m.

These applications were submitted by Amanda Jerome Weddings & Events who regularly organizes weddings and other events at Georgian Hills Vineyard. The owner of Georgian Hills

Vineyard has provided authorization (Attachment 3) for Amanda Jerome to submit applications for such events at this property. The requested dates are:

- Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>
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## **D. Analysis**

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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. 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 was circulated. 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, however, any additional information will be provided by a representative of the Enforcement Services Department at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 29, 2021.

Staff is recommending that Conditional Relief to the Noise By-law be granted on the conditional basis being that all requirements set by the Province of Ontario in relation to COVID-19 Restrictions and including where necessary approvals required by the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO).

## **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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Residents within 120 metres of property.

## **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, By-law Services Administrative Assistant [bylawadmin@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:bylawadmin@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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1. Office Consolidation of the Noise By-law
2. Copy of the Applications
3. Copy of the Owner's Authorization
4. Map of event location and properties within 120 metres.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Report Approval Details

Document Title:	FAF.21.121 Georgian Hills Vineyard - 496350 Grey Road 2 - Noise By-law Relief Requests.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Att.1 Noise By-law Office Consolidation.pdf</li><li>- Att.2 Applications.pdf</li><li>- Att.3 Owner's Authorization.pdf</li><li>- Att.4 Map of Event Location.pdf</li></ul>
Final Approval Date:	Jun 16, 2021

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

**Wayne DeWitt - Jun 11, 2021 - 4:32 PM**

**Will Thomson - Jun 14, 2021 - 1:02 PM**

**Shawn Everitt - Jun 16, 2021 - 7:58 AM**