

Subject – Deputation: BTI Request for Relief from Noise By-law

Submitted by:

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Comments:

My wife and I are full time residents in Thornbury, and we love living in the Town. The noise from the BTI facility, however, is ruinous to our enjoyment of our home, and is especially bothersome when it affects our ability to sleep. The noise from BTI is particularly bad, for us, during the summer months.

BTI certainly has the right to operate during normal business hours, but extending the noise bylaw when there are so many residential properties affected by the noise just does not make sense to us.

We also noted that the BTI deputation states that they are “responsive and responsible regarding our neighbours.” This is not entirely true. On numerous occasions my wife and I have experienced very loud noise after midnight, and on many, many occasions, between 10:00 and 11:00pm.

When we have complained to the Town about the noise, we have had, (or so it seems,) a poor response because the noise continues to occur.

In summary, our experience in living in Thornbury is that existing Noise Bylaws are strictly enforced, and so they should be. We are very much opposed to the Town making this by-law change, and in fact, would like to see a more pro-active enforcement of it.

Question to Council:

- 1.) If the Town approves this by-law change, I think we can all agree it will negatively affect our collective property values. Will the Council be considering sizeable reductions in property taxes to the homeowners affected by this change?