



STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM

Adoption of Addendum to the Regular Council Agenda:

Motion by

THAT the Addendum to the Regular Agenda of Council dated January 24, 2022, be added to the agenda as printed to include the following:

7.0 Orders of the Day:

- 7.3 Request to extend the current exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79, for 2021/2022 Lights on Stratford

Attachment – Management Report (COU22-006) dated January 21, 2022

Motion by

Staff Recommendation: THAT approval be given to Lights on Stratford for an extension of the current exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for their event held at Market Square at 1 Wellington Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily until Sunday January 30, 2022 from the following provisions:

- **Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]**
- **The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]**
- **Loading, unloading or otherwise handling or any containers, products, materials [Schedule 2 Clause 4] and,**
- **subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.**

AND THAT approval be given to extend the operating hours of the outdoor accessible washroom at City Hall by 1 hour until Sunday January 30, 2022.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: January 21, 2022
To: Stratford City Council
From: Heather Denny, Events Coordinator
Report#: COU22-006
Attachments: None

Title: Request to extend the current exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79, for 2021/2022 Lights on Stratford

Objective: For Council to consider the request from Destination Stratford to extend a current exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for Lights on Stratford, and to consider extended use of the outdoor accessible washrooms at City Hall up until January 30, 2022.

Background: At the November 22, 2021, Regular Council meeting, Council adopted the following recommendation of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee:

THAT approval be given to Festival of Lights organizers for an exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for their event held at Market Square at 1 Wellington Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily between Monday, December 13, 2021, and Friday, January 28, 2022 from the following provisions:

- Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]
- The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]
- Loading, unloading or otherwise handling or any containers, products, materials [Schedule 2 Clause 4] and,
- Subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.

AND THAT approval be given to extend the operating hours of the outdoor washroom by 1 hour over the requested period of December 17, 2021 to January 28, 2022 and that where possible, staff make reasonable efforts to reduce the financial impact.

Staff has been approached by the event Organizers to extend the event for two additional days, being January 29 and 30, 2022.

The request to extend the event has an implication to the previously approved exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79, for the portion of the event held in Market Square. The original exemption expires on January 28, 2022. The requested extension is intended for 1 day being Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The City's Noise Control By-law defines parameters for noise and emissions that may impact local citizens, and exemptions to time limitations is subject to Council review and final decision.

Finally, Organizers are requesting that the outdoor accessible washrooms at City Hall be extended by 1 hour until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday January 29, 2022, and Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Analysis: The request to extend use of the public space as part of the event permit for Lights on Stratford can be easily processed internally, and staff have good reason to support the requested extension at this time.

The request to extend the Noise Control By-law 113-79, for the portion of the event held in Market Square on Sunday, January 30, 2022, requires Council direction. In the absence of time, the Organizers are asking for the requirement to circulate Noise By-law exemption letters to residents within 120m of Market Square be waived. At this time, no noise complaints have been received from residents within the area while the event has been in operation.

A neighbouring resident to the event site in Shakespeare Gardens has expressed concerns with the request for an extension to the portion of the event at this location. The resident cites the volume of music from the event has travelled beyond the event site and is personally disturbing. Staff have reviewed the concern directly with the resident and Organizers. While the use of amplified music at Shakespeare Gardens doesn't contravene any Noise by-law, staff agree to monitor the volume of audio output each evening of the requested extension, being January 29 and 30, to ensure that neighbouring residents are reasonably not affected.

Finally, staff have no objection to extending use of the outdoor accessible washrooms at City Hall by 1 hour until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday January 29, 2022, and Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Financial Implications:

Not applicable:

There are no financial implications to be reported as a result of this report.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

Developing our Resources

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Health and Happiness

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

Equity and Local Economy

Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.

Culture and Community

Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living.

Travel and Transport

Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport.

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AND THAT approval be given to extend the operating hours of the outdoor accessible washroom at City Hall by 1 hour until Sunday January 30, 2022.

Prepared by:

Heather Denny, Events Coordinator
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Recommended by: David St. Louis, Director of Community Services
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