



REPORT

By-Law Enforcement

Meeting: Committee of the Whole

Date: July 8, 2025

Report No.: ENF BYLAW-02-25

RESOLUTION NO: _____ **BY-LAW NO:** _____

Subject: Noise By-Law Exemption Request for Outdoor Wedding and Reception

Recommendation(s):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole receive Report ENF BYLAW-02-25 for information; and

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Council waive Section 3 of the Noise By-law 06-71 (Time Restrictions) for 3 Colton St, Colborne, Ontario to hold an outdoor wedding and reception on September 13, 2025.

Background:

An application has submitted a request in writing, pursuant to Section 5 of the Noise By-law 06-71, being exemptions from Council, to host an outdoor wedding and reception on Saturday, September 13th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The request is to extend the permitted noise restriction of 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday September 14, 2025, for a gathering of approximately 85 guests which will include amplified sound within an event tent.

Staff Comments:

By-Law 06-71, being a By-Law to Prohibit and Regulate Noise Within the Township of Cramahe states the following:

Section 3. Prohibitions by Time and Place

No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from any act listed in table 3-1, if clearly audible at a point of reception located in Residential Area of the Municipality within a prohibited time shown.

Table 3-1: Prohibited by Time and Place

3.11	The operation of any electronic device or group of connected devices incorporating loudspeakers or other electromechanical transducers and intended for the production, reproduction, or amplification of sound	Times Prohibited 21:00 hrs of one day to 0:700 hrs. of the next (09:00 Sunday)
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Section 5. Grant of Exemptions by Council

(a) Application to Council

Notwithstanding anything contained in this by-law, any person may make an application to Council to be granted an exemption from any of the provisions of this by-law with respect to any source of sound or vibration for which he might be prosecuted and Council, by resolution, may refuse to grant any exemption or may grant the exemption applied for or any exemption of lesser effect and any exemption granted shall specify the time period, not in excess of six months, during which it is effective and may contain such terms and conditions as Council sees fit.

The Chief Building Official has advised the applicant that a Building Permit may be required for the placement of the tent for the duration of the event.

A tent or a group of tents is exempt from the requirements to obtain a building permit provided that the tent or group of tents are,

- a) not more than 60m² in aggregate ground area
- b) not attached to a building, and
- c) constructed more than 3m from other structures.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Concluding Comments:

As outlined above, Section 3 of By-law 06-71 outlines the prohibitions by time and place, with Section 5 outlining how an applicant may request relief from these prohibitions.

Staff is requesting that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the applicant be granted permission to host the outdoor wedding and reception at 3 Colton St. on Saturday, September 13th, 2025, until 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 14th, 2025, and that the applicant be exempt from the Noise Time Restriction.

Submitted by: _____
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Reviewed by: _____
Nathan Proctor, Building Official