

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Noise By-law Sub-Committee

June 12, 2013

There was a meeting of the Noise By-law Sub-Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Wednesday June 12, 2013. Present was Chair Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Jamey Larone, Jim Ferguson and David Brown (from 4:09). Staff present was Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingsbury called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by Members of the Sub-Committee and Staff.

3. DRAFT NOISE BY-LAW

- Terry Johnston's petition

Chair Kingsbury said we have now received 2 petitions – 1 for fireworks and 1 against.

Councillor Larone noted that our current fireworks by-law passed in 1984 permits fireworks to be fired on Victoria Day and Canada Day. Chair Kingsbury said the Cassidy petition wanted fireworks to be fired on any day between 11 pm and 7 am. We changed it in the draft to between 9 pm and 11 pm.

Councillor Larone suggested permitting the fireworks for the statutory holidays, long weekends and other celebrations like birthdays. Chair Kingsbury suggested that the Johnston petition expected fireworks on long weekends but not every day. He suggested we restrict fireworks to special days but exceptions can be made by a resident applying for a special permit. Permits would be issued in the Municipal Office.

Councillor Larone suggested the minimum age to apply for a permit would be 18 years of age. The Committee Members agreed. He suggested the common firework days would be New Year's Eve, Victoria Day, Canada Day and Labour Day and limit the number of additional special permits a property could hold to two per year.

The Members suggested that this proposal be sent to Terry Johnston and Robert Cassidy for their input. The CAO/Clerk asked if there should be a notice requirement to neighbours for the special permit days. The Committee Members agreed. The CAO/Clerk was directed by the Members to type up this proposal and send it to the two authors of the petitions and request their input.

- Fulton Construction request for exceptions

The Members reviewed a letter from Fulton Construction which requested exceptions to construction noise before and after the 6:30 am to 8:00 pm permitted time so they could move equipment out and back into their pit when they have a contract more and 1 hour drive away from their pit.

Chair Kingsbury discussed noise complaints in the past about their pit operation. He asked if the Members would support an exception to the times stated in the by-law for their contracts that require their vehicles to leave by 5 am to be at a job site by 7 am. This would not include work in the pit i.e. crushing, blasting, stockpiling, loading etc. The Committee agreed. The CAO/Clerk was requested to submit this proposal to Fulton Construction for input.

Chair Kingsbury noted that their second request concerned exception for snow removal equipment. He pointed out that the by-law already exempts this type of noise.

- Smiths Construction

The CAO/Clerk reported that earlier today he receive an email from Smiths asking for an opportunity to review the draft. Their comment on the draft was received late in the meeting and the CAO/Clerk was requested to summarize the submission for review at the next Sub-Committee Meeting.

4. PARKING BY-LAW

Chair Kingsbury reviewed the draft parking by-law prepared by Jim McBain, By-law Enforcement Officer which was discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting June 11, 2013. He said that Mr. McBain had made the case for adopting a by-law and suggested that the Sub-Committee recommend the Planning Committee support it. He added that it should be reviewed in one year.

Councillor Larone asked if there was any wording in the draft that prohibited overnight camping in Municipal parking lots. The CAO/Clerk was requested to discuss this with Mr. McBain.

Moved by Jim Ferguson, Seconded by Jamey Larone that this Sub-Committee recommend the Planning Committee support the draft Parking By-law.

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by David Brown, Seconded by Jim Ferguson that this Sub-Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Carried

CHAIR

CAO/Clerk