

BYLAW 39-18 – COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW AMENDMENT

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 39-18 is to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to permit noise exemptions for Town sanctioned or special community events.

Readings

This Bylaw is ready for three readings.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Currently the Town's Community Standards Bylaw does not permit the CAO to provide conditional noise exemptions for sanctioned Town events or approved special community events. For example, if a circus, community fundraiser or midway were approved to operate in the Town of Okotoks, there is no provision to provide the event reasonable operational noise exemptions.

If approved, this amendment would allow for additions to the Town's current special event permitting process, providing allowances for reasonable noise and subsequent time of day provisions associated to normal event operations.

Considerations for approval would exist within the permitting process and would include;

- a) proximity to residential areas;
- b) time of day;
- c) nature of noise (ie. music, crowd noise, amplified noises);
- d) duration of special event
- e) the anticipated noise will not exceed normal / reasonable operational levels

Note: Permitted exemptions would not apply to regular business operations and would be limited to special community events.

Administration has confirmed with several Alberta municipalities that it is common practice to provide CAO authority to approve noise exemptions for Town sanctioned special events through a permitting process.

Administration is recommending amendments to the Community Standards Bylaw 19-10 as detailed in the attached draft bylaw.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/> Manage Community Growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Strong Governance
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide Quality Community Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Community
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Organizational Excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foster Economic Vitality
	<input type="checkbox"/> Promote Environmental Excellence

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

Deputy CAO Comments

I support the proposed amendments to this bylaw.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft Bylaw 39-18
2. Bylaw 19-10 Community Standards Bylaw redline version

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