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Town Council Meeting of November 18, 2024

Item 10.2 - Noise By-law Review – Amendments to Proposed Noise By-law

Hello

I have the following comments on the new noise bylaw, specifically wrt backyard music.

The changes (as I understand them):

- Old Bylaw - 55 dBA measured at the property line until 5pm
- New Bylaw - 50 dBA measured 3m from the house until 7pm.

I have the following concerns:

- The allowable noise level has been reduced from 55 to 50 dBA in conjunction with extending the time to 7pm. While this seems like a reasonable compromise the POR has been moved much closer to the house.
- If one has a larger property the new POR completely eliminates the mitigating effects of distance from adjacent properties.
- An upset neighbour can play his music loudly to achieve 50 dBA at the POR of a noisy neighbour. The area in between becomes a virtual war zone upsetting the peace for all.
- Measurement/enforcement requires a qualified attending officer with noise meter to potentially enter multiple properties.

Thank you for your consideration.

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