

Dear Committee Members,

I would appreciate addressing Item 4.1: Rock the Park request for a one time Policy Exemption.

Requests for one-time policy exemptions occur too often to make this an exemption. and this frustrates residents.

The complaints about distorted and prolonged amplified sound travels down the river and reaches as far away as Byron. For neighbourhoods closer to Harris Park, the distorted sound bounces off tall buildings and is difficult to endure over several hours and days. The Rock the Park organizers tout their donations to charities and economic benefits to area hotels as justification to disturb area residents for extend times.

But this is wearing thin, as residents are are getting tired of the festival and its dismissal of residents.

It is an over intensified use of the park and residents want to the park to more than just a hollow shell for this one event. The last minute request for a policy exemption is typical of the organizers because it does not allow for public notification and input.

Thank you

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