

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FROM:	GEORGE KOTSIFAS, P.ENG. DIRECTOR OF BUILDING CONTROLS AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	NOISE BY-LAW – TEMPORARY NOISE PERMITS – 2011 MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Director of Building Controls and Chief Building Official, this report **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Noise By-law.


BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2009 City Council adopted a new Noise By-law for the City. The By-law came into force and effect on July 1, 2009. The By-law requires that the Manager of By-law Enforcement report to Council annually on temporary noise permits. (Sec 4.1.8).

The enforcement of the By-law is shared between Municipal Law Enforcement Services (MLES) and London Police Services. The Police take the lead on addressing noise complaints involving large gatherings where numerous persons are under the influence of alcohol and where the presence of drugs and weapons are probable. MLES take the lead in addressing noise complaints regarding construction noise, barking dogs and other nuisance noise complaints (e.g. auto repair in residential areas) where the anticipated level of danger to officer safety is minimal.

In 2011, seven applications were processed for temporary noise permits. These related mainly to construction related noise where the construction activities involving noise occurred outside the permitted 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. period. Several requests were also processed for business and charity celebrations where musical bands were associated with the celebration. Two applications were refused based on past neighbourhood noise complaints.

In 2011, 372 noise complaints related to nuisance noise issues were investigated by MLES. These mainly related to barking dog complaints. These forms of nuisance complaints place the onus on the complainant to keep a log of nuisance noise and be available to provide evidence in court if a by-law charge is challenged. The vast majority of complaints are resolved without the need for further enforcement actions.

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