

Staff Report for Decision

DATE OF MEETING MAY 7, 2018

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SUBJECT NOISE CONTROL BYLAW EXEMPTION

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To request that Council provide the Nanaimo Hornets Rugby Club with a noise exemption for their 24 hour rugby marathon in support of the Heart and Stroke Charity on August 4-5, 2018.

Recommendation

That Council authorize the Nanaimo Hornets Rugby Club to host a 24 hour charity rugby game, August 4-5, 2018, and provide an exemption to "Noise Control Bylaw 1994 No. 4750" for this event.

BACKGROUND

The Nanaimo Hornets Rugby Club has applied for an exemption to "Noise Control Bylaw 1994 No. 4750", to allow a 24 hour rugby marathon event to support the Heart and Stroke Charity. The event has been proposed for May Bennett Park from 9:00 AM Saturday August 4th to 9:00 PM Sunday August 5th, 2018.

The event is expected to have 200 or more players and spectators. During the daytime (normally permitted hours) music will be played and speakers used for broadcasting information. Over the night, noise is expected to consist of players and spectators voices.

To facilitate the event, the Rugby Club has requested a noise exemption. In accordance with "Noise Control Bylaw 1994 No. 4750" Council can grant an exemption for Special Events.

The primary residential housing in the area of the event are two apartment blocks located on Dover Road. In advance of the event, the Club will provide notices to affected residences.

OPTIONS

1. That Council authorize the Nanaimo Hornets Rugby Club to host a 24 hour charity rugby game, August 4-5, 2018, and provide an exemption to "Noise Control Bylaw 1994 No. 4750" for this event.
 - **Budget Implication:** There are no costs to the City to provide the exemption to the "Noise Control Bylaw 1994 No. 4750".
 - **Neighborhood Impact Implications:** There is a possibility that local residents could be adversely impacted by the noise; however, this is a single night event

and the Club will provide notices in advance. Also, the overnight noise is expected to be limited to voices during game play.

2. That Council reject the application for a Noise Exemption permit.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Nanaimo Hornets Rugby Club has proposed a 24 hour rugby marathon event to support the Heart and Stroke Charity.
- The Club has requested an exemption to the “Noise Control Bylaw 1994 No. 4750” to facilitate the all night aspect of the event.
- Overnight noise is expected to be limited to game play.

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