

Staff Report



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REPORT TO: Community and Infrastructure Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: May 15, 2023

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: 9

DATE OF REPORT: April 18, 2023

REPORT NO.: CSD-2023-205

SUBJECT: Noise Exemption – Grand River Hospital Foundation Rally for Health

RECOMMENDATION:

That an exemption to Chapter 450 (Noise) of the City of Kitchener Municipal Code be granted for the Grand River Hospital Foundation Rally for Health on Saturday May 27, 2023, which will be held in the Sun Life parking lot located at 969 King St W from 4pm – 10pm.

A further noise exemption will be required to allow for sound checks and rehearsals that will take place the previous evening on May 26, 2023 from 5pm – 8pm.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Grand River Hospital will be launching its Care Never Stops Campaign with their Rally for Health community event on May 27, 2023 from 4pm – 10pm.
- Sound checks and rehearsals will take place the previous evening on May 26, 2023 from 5pm – 8pm.
- The evening will include a free public concert, food trucks, activations and a drone show.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

BACKGROUND:

Grand River Hospital is publicly launching its Care Never Stops Campaign with their Rally for Health Event.

The Rally for Health event will be the formal campaign announcement to the community and will be a family friendly event including an evening of celebration with a free public concert, food trucks, activations and a drone show.

REPORT:

This event will be taking place in the Sun Life parking lot which is located beside Grand River Hospital on May 27th, 2023 from 4pm – 10pm and organizers are expecting approximately ten thousand people.

*** This information is available in accessible formats upon request. ***
Please call 519-741-2345 or TTY 1-866-969-9994 for assistance.

Sound checks and rehearsals will begin taking place on Friday May 26th, 2023 at 5pm and will conclude by 8pm.

There will be approximately 12 food trucks providing food sales, no alcohol will be available or sold at this event.

The event will include the following bands, The Ian Roberts Project (Classic Rock), DJ Shub & the War Club (indigenous Dance/Electronic/PowWowStep) and the Strumbellas (Alternative/Indie).

A drone show will also be held to close off the evening at approximately 9:45pm including up to 200 drones which will be launched from the KCI football field.

The sound output will include a PA system which has been designed to concentrate adequate sound pressure levels in the area of the audience, while mitigating levels outside the primary listening area. To accomplish this, the design includes a PA (speaker) height much lower than normal with the addition of delay speakers at the front of house position.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The event organizers will be sending out notification letters to surrounding neighbours one week in advance of the event, advising of the event inclusions as well as increased traffic to the area. They will also be notifying the public through a social media campaign and through traditional media channels in early May.

APPROVED BY: Michael May, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer