

Staff Report



Community Services Department

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REPORT TO: Finance and Corporate Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: August 12, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria MacNeil, Director of Enforcement, 519-741-2200 ext. 7952

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: Ward - 6

DATE OF REPORT: July 22, 2024

REPORT NO.: CSD-2024-296

SUBJECT: NOISE EXEMPTION – HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH – 700 FISCHER HALLMAN ROAD – August 31-September 1, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That an exemption to Chapter 450 (Noise) of the City of Kitchener Municipal Code be granted to the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church at 700 Fischer Hallman Road, for their annual BBQ and Bull Roast to be held on August 31 – Sept 1, 2024 between the hours of 11am and 10pm.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to seek a noise exemption for the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church which will be hosting their annual BBQ and Bull Roast.
- The annual festival will take place on August 31 - September 1, 2024 from 11am – 10pm.

BACKGROUND:

The Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church located at 700 Fischer Hallman Road will be holding their annual BBQ and Bull Roast and are requesting a noise exemption as they have done in previous years.

REPORT:

The Serbian BBQ and Bull Roast is an annual festival that has taken place for the last several years. The event is open to the community and will include traditional food for sale such as spit roasted bull, pig and lamb, as well as desserts. In addition, there will be entertainment including Serbian music and folklore dancing outdoors.

Staff report receiving two complaints during the festival last year, although a noise exemption was in place, church representatives worked with staff to reduce the noise. Church representatives have worked to address concerns about noise which were previously raised by nearby residents and for the past several years have been distributing a notice to the adjacent residential neighbourhood, which advises of the event. Church representatives will be delivering notices again this year, it is their desire to engage the neighbourhood to participate in the festival.

Attached is a copy of the information they intend to distribute throughout the neighbourhood this year.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The event organizers will be communicating the event to the community in advance of the event, they will also be distributing the attached letter to the surrounding neighbours.

APPROVED BY: Michael May, DCAO

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Event notice for surrounding residents