

REPORT TO: Community and Infrastructure Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: June 16, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria MacNeil, Director of Enforcement, 519-783-8516

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: Ward 6

DATE OF REPORT: May 30, 2025

REPORT NO.: CSD-2025-273

SUBJECT: Noise Exemption – Holy Trinity Serbian Church – 700 Fischer Hallman Road – August 30 and 31, 2025

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 30 and 31, 2025 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 30 and 31, 2025 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 several years. The event is open to the community and will include traditional food and entertainment such as 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 intent 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