

January 22 2025

Ambrose Moran

Members of North Kawartha Council

Current North Kawartha (NK) Noise Bylaw – Amendment Request (2nd)

Over 6 months ago I wrote to NK Council asking that the townships in-effect noise bylaw be amended to change ‘commencement of construction noise likely to disturb’ from 5am to 7am.

My request was on the Council agenda for the Aug13 meeting and discussed and Mayor Amyotte indicated that she thought we[North Kawartha] were consistent with all the other Municipalities ..and CAO Alana suggested *“that Council could pass a motion to direct staff to bring back amendments to the noise bylaw...*



*that previously OPP wanted consistency and all municipalities adopted the same bylaw....,that with formation of the new OPP Boards they are looking for the same thing as easier to enforce a noise bylaw across the Board..do think some municipalities haver altered theirs[noise bylaw] ..from over a decade ago.. **so up to Council if you want to look at changes now .”***



Deputy Mayor Whelan made a verbal motion *“that we e mail Mr. Moran to tell exactly what Alana just said ..we have to have it [noise bylaw] consistent with all the other townships and we are looking into it and we will let him know what the results are.. and Mayor Amyotte added further to that .it will be something addressed with the Detachment Board as well”*

This motion was passed by Council and I was provided with the following ..**different** motion included in the Council Minutes

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Moved – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded – Councillor McLellan

That Council direct staff to respond to Mr. Moran to advise him that any amendments to the existing noise by-law will be considered when the noise by-law is addressed by the new detachment board in order to provide consistency within the County. Carried.

I have been in communications with the Peterborough County OPP Board staff and have been advised by the Board Administrator that:

“ as you have suggested, developing bylaws for member municipalities is not within our terms of reference nor does the board have any plans to harmonize noise bylaws across the County at this time.

Summary

#1

I fully agree with CAO Alana’s suggestion that Council could pass a motion for staff bring back amendment to the existing noise bylaw ... and I would expect the staff report would include comparison of other area twp in-effect noise bylaws.

#2

OPP Board involvement should not be reason to delay changing start time for construction noise from 5am to 7am

#3

This is a very simple sensible request which all Council members should support. I have not spoken to one cottager or contractor who disagrees with changing the bylaw from 5am to 7am.

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cc NB 1 & 1B