



City of Delta  
COUNCIL REPORT  
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

File No.: **5810-01**

From: **Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Department**

Date: **April 24, 2025**

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**2025 Noise Variance Relief for Harris Barn**

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The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

▪ **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT approval is granted for relief from enforcement of Delta Noise Control Bylaw No. 1906, 1972, for up to 24 community based and private events at Harris Barn in 2025.

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▪ **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek relief from Delta Noise Control Bylaw No. 1906, 1972 ("Bylaw"), for recurring and/or private events, including weddings, that are known or anticipated to take place at Harris Barn in 2025.

▪ **BACKGROUND:**

Community based and private rentals for Harris Barn ("Barn") are permitted provided they follow existing guidelines as outlined in the Booking for Hawthorne Grove Park Policy & Procedure H.99.1.ALL ("Policy") (Attachment A).

As noted in the Policy, a Noise Variance Permit ("Permit") is required for evening events with amplified music that exceed the allowable times permitted.

**Council Policy:**

Council approval is required for bylaw relaxations except in circumstances where authority has been delegated to staff. Bylaw relaxations for events outlined in this report are not currently delegated to staff.

▪ **DISCUSSION:**

The Bylaw states that *"no owner or occupier of real estate property in the Municipality shall allow any real property to be used so that noise or sound emanating therefrom disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, or of persons in the vicinity."*

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Typically, a number of community organizations rent the Barn for various evening events throughout the year. In addition, private events, including weddings, take place at the Barn in the evenings.

Under the approved Policy up to 12 community-based evening events with amplified music, and up to 12 private evening events, including weddings with amplified music, will require a Permit. To streamline the Permit process, staff are recommending relief in advance to help facilitate the facility use approval and community notification process.

In all instances where the noise variance is approved for an event to proceed, notices will be mailed to residents whose homes are adjacent to Hawthorne Grove Park along Arthur Drive informing them at least one week in advance of the event taking place.

### **Implications:**

Financial Implications – There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Many different groups, when hosting their daytime and evening events, enjoy the Harris Barn facility and the grounds at Hawthorne Grove Park. To encourage these uses, while respecting the impact these events may have on the neighbouring community, the Booking for Hawthorne Grove Park Policy & Procedure H.99.1.ALL was established to regulate these uses. In cases where an event exceeds the Delta Noise Control Bylaw No. 1906, 1972 permissible times, noise variance relief is required.



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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed department.

Concurring Department		
Department	Name	Signature
Property Use & Compliance	David Schaefer	CM

### **ATTACHMENT:**

A. Booking for Hawthorne Grove Park Policy & Procedure H.99.1.ALL