

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this hearing is to receive verbal and written submissions regarding the Draft Noise By-law.

**Background:**

At Council's June 14, 2022 meeting Council passed the following motion:

THAT Council direct staff to monitor the effectiveness of the Town of Lunenburg's updated Noise By-law and report back to Council in the fall.

This item was next discussed at Council's September 13, 2022 meeting, where the following motion as passed:

THAT Council direct staff to review the current best practices in the field of by-laws referencing noise, with a view to developing a recommendation to Council on how to proceed with the matter of noise regulation.

A staff report in response to both motions was received by Council on February 23, 2023. At that time Council passed the following motion:

THAT Council direct staff to develop a noise bylaw for the Town to be presented to Council at their April 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Council was provided with a draft Noise By-law at their April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that time Council passed the following motion:

THAT this item be referred to the May 29, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

At the May 29, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee, the committee suggested some edits to the draft by-law and the bylaw was presented for first reading at the June 29, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

At the June 29, 2023 meeting of council, the following motion was made:

THAT Council provide first reading to the draft Noise Bylaw as amended to add under 2.1 that law enforcement can also administer an approved sound meter.

Staff made the requested change and a Public Hearing was set for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Notification:

Public Hearing:                      Progress Bulletin July 12<sup>th</sup>  
Town website, Town Facebook page,  
Mayor's Newsletter July 2023

Submissions Received:

Prior to this hearing, comments were received from:

- Cody C
- Colin Kingsmill
- Christine Nickerson
- Christopher Quigley
- Connor Veinot
- Drew Moores
- Faye Hebb
- George Anderson
- Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce
- Joelle Gogol
- Mike Brunelle
- Richard from Marina
- Paul Seltzer
- Rhiannon Visser
- Susan Seltzer
- Victor Gogol
- Veryan Haysom
- Desiree Gordon
- Tina Hennigar
- Sara and Norman Whynot
- Janet Chernin
- Lisa Learning
- Dave Eisnor
- Gwen and Bruce Smith
- Kirsty Cousins
- Robert Morse
- Ruth Kimmins
- Blair Creaser



- Betty Hutton
- Barbara Dorey
- Colin Kingsmill
- Coleen O'Neill
- Danielle King
- Dave Stephens
- Cathy and Sebastian Andreu
- Alec Cloke
- Marie Raymond

And forwarded to Council on July 26 and 27, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Levy,  
Deputy CAO





**Report of the Clerk  
Draft Noise Bylaw  
July 27, 2023**

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Report of the Clerk to Council

A Public Hearing was held on July 27, 2023 to receive verbal and written submissions regarding the Town of Mahone Bay draft Noise Bylaw.

30 members of the public were in attendance

37 members of the public in attendance virtually

14 members of the public presented comments to the Hearing

37 written submissions were received prior to the hearing

0 written submissions were received at the hearing

The hearing adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Levy  
Deputy CAO



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding the Use of Decibel Meter and the Impact on Our Community  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 9:45:18 PM

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Dear Members of the Mahone Bay Town Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent decision to implement a decibel meter in our town, and the subsequent negative effects it will have on our local community, musicians, and tourism industry.

As a resident of Mahone Bay, I have come to cherish the sense of community and togetherness that our town offers. Events like “Hops and Chops” have been a significant part of fostering this camaraderie and have played a vital role in why I chose to move here. However, the recent disappointment of having “Hops and Chops” declined by the town has left me disheartened and concerned about the future of our community’s vibrancy.

While I understand the need to ensure a peaceful environment for everyone, I fear that the implementation of a decibel meter will stifle our local musicians’ creativity and livelihoods. It may lead to an atmosphere where artistic expression is curtailed, impacting the vibrant music scene that we have cherished for so long.

Additionally, I am worried that this decision might deter tourists from visiting our town. Tourism plays a vital role in boosting our local economy, and the allure of Mahone Bay lies in its unique blend of cultural experiences, including live music performances and community events. Restricting these activities through a decibel meter could potentially drive away tourists and negatively affect local businesses and employment opportunities.

I kindly request that the town council reconsider the decision to implement the decibel meter and instead explore alternative solutions to address any noise-related concerns. Perhaps, engaging in a constructive dialogue with musicians, local businesses, and residents can lead to finding a balance that respects everyone’s interests.

I sincerely hope that our voices as concerned members of this wonderful community are heard, and that we can work together to preserve the essence of Mahone Bay, where a vibrant culture and a strong sense of community can coexist harmoniously.

Sincerely,  
Cody C

**From:** [Colin Kingsmill](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#); [Dylan Heide](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Noise By-Law  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 2:06:03 PM

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Hello Dylan & council,

I am writing in relation to the new proposed Noise By-Law that you are discussing on the Thursday the 27th of July.

The noise limits are very self-limiting ranges and go against the "Eat, Drink, Be Merry" and "Retail Therapy" tenets of the town as appears on the Chamber of Commerce website. It also goes against the goals of the Chamber of Commerce which are: to promote local interests, build a healthy economy, and sustain/grow the community's tourism and business environments. Visitors who are confronted with such restrictions, will go elsewhere with their business.

65 dBA is classified as Normal Conversation and 55 dBA is a Household Refrigerator. These numbers are unrealistic for any tourism destination looking to have prosperous outdoor commercial activities like Mahone Bay (at least in our business-critical summer months).

I can assure you the noise by-law, as they stand, will be self-destructive for the town. I highly recommend you reconsider these limits.

I have worked in destinations, tourism and placemaking in Canada and internationally for 20+ years, and I would be happy to discuss with council the adverse affects of such a policy. [You can see my background here on LinkedIn.](#)

Thank you,

Colin Kingsmill  
902 943 7178

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Noise bylaw  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 7:53:41 PM

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Dear members of council,

Regarding the proposed bylaw for the town of Mahone Bay, I would respectfully ask that you reconsider the level of noise that is considered tolerable. I think you'll find that most people in the town would say that the levels being proposed are much too low.

Sincerely,

Christine Nickerson

## Kelly Redden

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**From:** Christopher Quigley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 25, 2023 2:41 PM  
**To:** Dylan Heide; Town of Mahone Bay Clerk  
**Subject:** Rebuttal Letter to the Proposed "Noise By-law"

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Rebuttal Letter to the Proposed "Noise By-law"

Dear, Dylan Heide,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed "Noise By-law" recently brought forward for consideration. While I understand the intention behind creating regulations to manage noise levels in the community, I firmly believe that the current draft of the by-law is fundamentally flawed and could have adverse effects on the sustainable growth and enrichment of local businesses and tourism.

The proposed by-law, as it stands, imposes strict noise level restrictions without sufficient consideration for the unique characteristics and diverse activities that contribute to the vibrancy of the community. I would like to bring to your attention several key points of concern:

**Restrictive Noise Limits:** The prescribed noise limits of 65 dBA during daytime and 55 dBA during nighttime are too stringent for a town that thrives on various events and activities. These restrictions will hinder outdoor festivals, community gatherings, and organized events, which play a crucial role in fostering community engagement, promoting local businesses, and attracting tourists.

**Impact on Local Businesses:** Many local businesses rely on outdoor operations, especially during peak tourist seasons. The proposed by-law could adversely affect these businesses, leading to reduced revenue and potential job losses. Restricting their activities without a reasonable alternative approach could hinder the growth and sustainability of our business community.

**Tourism and Economic Impact:** Mahone Bay and Nova Scotia's South Shore are known for their scenic beauty and vibrant cultural scene, attracting visitors from around the world. Imposing such strict noise regulations may deter tourists and reduce the value of tourism to our region, negatively impacting the local economy and community well-being.

**Exemption Process Complexity:** While the proposed by-law offers an exemption process, the outlined criteria and public hearing requirements create a cumbersome and time-consuming procedure for businesses and event organizers. This complexity may discourage potential applicants from seeking exemptions, thereby limiting the opportunities for community enrichment.

The current exemption process outlined in the proposed "Noise By-law" appears to be excessively burdensome and time-consuming for businesses and event organizers. Requiring a public hearing and extensive criteria for granting exemptions could deter many potential applicants from seeking the necessary approvals. This complexity not only hinders businesses' ability to operate smoothly but also restricts the opportunities for community enrichment through organized events and activities.

**Ambiguity in Definitions:** Some terms and definitions in the by-law require further clarity and specificity to prevent misunderstandings and potential misinterpretations by enforcers.



In the proposed "Noise By-law," the following terms are identified as potentially ambiguous and requiring further clarity and specificity to prevent misunderstandings and potential misinterpretations by enforcers:

**"Approved Sound Meter":** The term "approved sound meter" is mentioned in the definitions section, but it lacks a clear definition of the specific criteria that make a sound meter "approved." Enforcers may face challenges in determining which sound meters are acceptable for measuring noise levels, leading to inconsistencies in enforcement.

**"dBA":** While the definition of "dBA" as "A-weighted decibel" is provided, it may be useful to include additional information about how dBA is measured and how it corresponds to real-world noise perception. This can help ensure that noise measurements are conducted accurately and consistently.

Providing additional information on "dBA" measurements and real-world noise perception, it is common practice for local government bodies and policymakers to consult with various experts during the process of developing by-laws. By involving a diverse range of experts and stakeholders, the development of the by-law can be more comprehensive, ensuring that it addresses the community's needs while maintaining accuracy and consistency in noise measurements. Public consultations and expert involvement can also increase transparency and public acceptance of the by-law's provisions.

**"Emergency Response Personnel":** The definition of "emergency response personnel" lists various categories of individuals and organizations but may benefit from clearer inclusion criteria for each category. Without specific criteria, there could be uncertainty about who qualifies as emergency response personnel under the by-law.

**"Point of Reception":** The term "point of reception" is mentioned but not defined in the by-law. Providing a clear definition of this term is crucial to avoid confusion about where noise measurements should be taken and to ensure consistency in enforcing noise regulations.

**"Activity Likely to Generate Noise":** The by-law defines certain noise levels that constitute "unreasonable disturbance," but it does not explicitly clarify what activities are likely to generate such noise. Additional examples or guidelines could be helpful to provide context and guidance for enforcers and community members.

**"Reasonable Execution of Duties":** The exemptions provided for emergency response personnel and specific entities mention actions taken in the "reasonable execution of their duties." This phrase requires further elaboration to define what actions qualify as "reasonable" to prevent potential misinterpretations.

Addressing these ambiguities and providing clear and specific definitions for these terms will enhance the enforceability and effectiveness of the by-law while minimizing the risk of unintended consequences and disputes.

Details on the enforcement process, including the roles and responsibilities of enforcers, the criteria for identifying noise violations, and the methods employed to measure and monitor noise levels are not laid out in the bylaw. Additionally, what is the estimated annual operating cost of implementing and maintaining this new by-law is not clearly defined. Understanding the financial implications will help assess the feasibility and sustainability of its enforcement.

Given these concerns, the council ought to reconsider the current draft of the "Noise By-law" and engage in open discussions with relevant stakeholders, including businesses, residents, and tourism operators, to develop a more balanced and practical approach to managing noise in the community. Such an approach should prioritize the sustainable growth of local businesses, community engagement, and the enhancement of our tourism sector.

I kindly request the opportunity to participate in any future discussions or consultations regarding the proposed by-law to provide additional insights and suggestions that may contribute to a more effective and well-rounded regulation.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint. I trust that you will take these concerns seriously and work towards a solution that preserves the unique character of our community while addressing legitimate concerns about noise disturbances.

Christopher W Quigley

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## Kelly Redden

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**From:** Town of Mahone Bay Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: Noise bylaw

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Connor Veinot [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 10:38 AM  
> To: Dylan Heide <Dylan.Heide@townofmahonebay.ca>  
> Subject: Noise bylaw

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> Good day first off I am a concerned about the noise bylaw, what happens in a situation like the other day where we had all that rain and people had gas power pumps and generators running what happens when there's an emergency in town and their sirens are going off. What about air horns?

> Do you guys think about any of these things?

> Last time I checked, the town needs more people to come visit, make business booming, not less!

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> (P.s I am just sending my concern as a concerned Citizen nothing to do with the fire department)

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> Thanks

> Connor Veinot

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> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Drew Moores](#)  
**To:** [Dylan Heide](#); [Eric Levy](#); [Kelly Redden](#)  
**Subject:** Noise By-Law - July 27th Hearing  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 9:31:22 PM

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Hello,

I have reviewed the draft Noise By-law and would like to share my thoughts on it.

I have lived in Mahone Bay for a few years now and spent lots of time here prior to that. This town is already as quiet as a town with people living in it can be, so I can't help but wonder why this bylaw is being put forward now. I think it would be beneficial to know what types of issues this bylaw is intended to fix for the townspeople.

I think it's also important to consider how this might harm local businesses that are open past 9pm. I was very surprised to see local businesses were not on the exemptions list, like other activities in the town.

We have to remember that we are living in a town. The reason I live in a town is for the activity of a town, and that means reasonable noise. The noise levels stated in the by-law are not reasonable for a town.

There are clarifications to be made around how this noise measurement is taken, complaint is made, and how it is responded to.

- How and to whom are the approved sound meters going to be administered?
- Is a single peak measurement all that's required to make a complaint? If so then a slamming car door could be measured and reported.

Lastly, the criteria for granting an exemption are very subjective and I can see how council members' biases could easily affect the outcome. Section 5.2 e) is an unacceptable criteria for denying an exemption.

I hope these thoughts can generate more discussion around this by-law. I sincerely feel like it will do more harm than good to our town.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Drew

**From:** [Faye Hebb](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** noise  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 1:06:30 PM

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Mahone Bay is a tourist town, people come to see the churches, What does Mahone Bay have to offer? a few places to eat some overpriced stores. in the evening the town is dead nothing or no reason for tourists to stay. You would think you would try and have bands at the bandstand. I moved back here in 2007. I thought there were vampires in town as from 7 pm the town is dead.

Now you want a noise bylaw? guarantee if I were a tourist one visit it would be my last. who wants to come to a dead town in the evening Young ppl want to have fun dancing. I do understand not crazy noise after 10 but down by the bandstand you want to draw ppl not send them packing! I visited a town in NB like this we were there long enough to walk the streets and have lunch and that's it other than that nothing to do or see. you ppl are trying to turn Mahone Bay into a graveyard. The Legion has a band and dances once a month but tourists don't know about it. you seem to just want ppl to spend money and you sit on your asses. Mahone Bay used to be a nice friendly town when I grew up now you have outsiders come in with money and change it to suit themselves. I won't eat in Mahone Bay everything is too expensive.

My opinion maybe you should talk to locals not just the rich click that runs things. My thought if you dont like it here move and let Mahone Bay go back to be a nice friendly little town.

Faye

**Kelly Redden**

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**Subject:** FW: Noise By-law

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**From:** George Anderson <[george@saltboxbrewingcompany.ca](mailto:george@saltboxbrewingcompany.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 10:24 AM  
**To:** Dylan Heide <[Dylan.Heide@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:Dylan.Heide@townofmahonebay.ca)>; Betty Hutton <[bettyhutton7@gmail.com](mailto:bettyhutton7@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Noise By-law

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Hi Dylan

I believe you are aware that the Chamber is not in favour of a noise by-law for our Town. Having had some experience with this at Saltbox we believe the by-law is enforceable from a practical point of view and has the potential to set neighbour against neighbour for all manner of trivial reasons.

George

**From:** [admin@mahonebaychamber.com](mailto:admin@mahonebaychamber.com)  
**To:** [bettyhutton7@gmail.com](mailto:bettyhutton7@gmail.com); [George Anderson](#); [meg@skysailbrand.com](mailto:meg@skysailbrand.com); [hi@mvchael.com](mailto:hi@mvchael.com); [t.dean.stonge@gmail.com](mailto:t.dean.stonge@gmail.com); [novapamela3@mac.com](mailto:novapamela3@mac.com); [lindance.fitness@gmail.com](mailto:lindance.fitness@gmail.com); [nspearlgirl@gmail.com](mailto:nspearlgirl@gmail.com); [sunflwr2002002@yahoo.ca](mailto:sunflwr2002002@yahoo.ca); [kirsty@inbalancebookkeeping.ca](mailto:kirsty@inbalancebookkeeping.ca); [alvin.lutes@gmail.com](mailto:alvin.lutes@gmail.com); [michaeldavidbishop@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldavidbishop@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Noise By-law  
**Date:** July 26, 2023 2:04:49 PM

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To the Membership

Please be aware that this is happening tomorrow

Mahone Bay's draft noise by-law will be discussed at tomorrow's Council meeting. [2023-06\\_29\\_noise\\_by-law\\_approved\\_first\\_reading.pdf \(townofmahonebay.ca\)](#)

There have been 6 noise complaints since Jan. 2022, 3 of which are related to vehicle noise.

It is very important that all Chamber members are aware of this proposed by-law!

This is time sensitive.

Letters and comments should be directed to

**Heide, Dylan - CAO**

[dylan.heide@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:dylan.heide@townofmahonebay.ca)

[902-624-8327](tel:902-624-8327)

Administrative Coordinator

Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce

[admin@mahonebaychamber.com](mailto:admin@mahonebaychamber.com)

902 529 0021

**From:** [Joelle Gogol](#)  
**To:** [Dylan Heide](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Request to Reconsider 55dBA Limit - An Equivalent to an Electric Toothbrush  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 2:17:56 PM

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Subject: Request to Reconsider 55dBA Limit - An Equivalent to an Electric Toothbrush

Dear Dylan Heide, Chief Administrative Officer;

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the new noise by-law, specifically the imposition of a 55dBA limit, which has been equated to the sound level of an electric toothbrush. While I understand the town's intention to maintain a peaceful environment, I firmly believe that this limit is unreasonably low and lacks consideration for the realities of everyday life in Mahone Bay.

Allow me to address my concerns regarding the 55dBA limit in greater detail:

**Insignificant and Everyday Noise:** A noise level of 55dBA is well within the range of common, everyday sounds that are unavoidable in any residential area. Equating this to the sound of an electric toothbrush implies that ordinary activities like talking, footsteps, or closing doors could be deemed excessive, leading to unnecessary complaints and conflicts among neighbors.

**Unfair Burden on Residents:** The 55dBA limit imposes an undue burden on residents who, despite their best efforts, might inadvertently exceed this level during normal household activities. It is crucial to recognize that residents have the right to enjoy their homes without constant worry about violating noise regulations.

**Limitation on Community Engagement:** Social gatherings, community events, and other activities that bring people together often generate noise levels slightly above 55dBA. Implementing such a strict limit could discourage community engagement and diminish the vibrant atmosphere that Mahone Bay has always been known for.

We sincerely request that the town council reevaluates the 55dBA limit and works collaboratively with the community to develop a noise by-law that strikes a balance between maintaining peace and respecting the rights and needs of residents.

Thank you for considering our concerns. We look forward to a constructive dialogue and a fair resolution to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joelle Gogol

[REDACTED]  
97 Pleasant Street  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Open Letter RE: New Noise Bylaw  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 5:09:37 PM

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Dear Members of Council,

I am writing this letter to address a recent issue that will be brought to vote by the Mahone Bay town council regarding a new noise bylaw. I should preface this letter by saying I'm not a permanent resident in Mahone Bay, but I grew up there - went to Bayview school, had my first job at the Mug and Anchor pub, and I am still fortunate enough to spend a few months a year there and in the surrounding areas.

In recent years, both prior to, during and after COVID, I witnessed an influx of young business owners with fresh ideas into what was a largely stagnant town prior. The wooden boat festival had gone away, and the scarecrow festival was a shadow of what it used to be. Believe me when I say nobody missed the traffic, but there was a time when the tourism and patronage of Mahone Bay's festivals and cultural events was quite strong. That ebbed, but then gave way to a new era in the town as popular opinion shifted focus towards food equity issues, the arts, and the place where those things intersect.

My mother Ma Bell is a bit of a going concern in the community for her involvement in community initiatives and events in this cultural sphere - she ran a farmers market on the water across from the three churches. Once a week, or perhaps it was every second week, for a couple hours, different vendors would sell food, artisanal crafts and various added value items, and brought a lot of people into the town, who in turn would buy lunch, buy gas, have a drink at the pub, so on and so forth. This was of course until various private interests in the town drove it out because they feared it was harming their bottom line. Aside from the extremely non-competitive and cronyistic nature of that complaint, any economist would tell you that more traffic in and around your business is a good thing. And any restaurant that can't compete with a bi-weekly farmers market probably needs to reevaluate their business model.

Another example of this could be the former eatery Circa, which served a fine breakfast in a beautiful old building and drew again a lot of commerce in from outside the town. They were shut down because the owners had a residence above the business. This was allegedly an issue of fire code, but other similar arrangements have been allowed to proceed and do in perpetuity. Who decides when and where to enforce these rules? Could it be that these matters are decided more based on personal preference of the policymakers and those that influence them, and not on the basis of what's best for the town, it's businesses and it's residents?

Mahone Bay hasn't been entirely starved for festivals and events since the good old days of the Wooden Boat. Hops and Chops was a landmark success for the town - not just commercially, but culturally. I personally know a half a dozen people who live and own property in the town now who's purchases and continued contributions to the community were influenced largely by music, community events, and food, things that this council and it's members seem dead set on crippling.

So how are these grievances related to the noise bylaw? They are related, because I am establishing a pattern of behaviour in Mahone Bay that I have personally witnessed from childhood to present day. The town and its governing body allows a loud minority to undemocratically wield power for their own personal reasons. A noise bylaw restricting all but whisper quiet activities past 9pm is precisely the kind of puritanical and selfish policy I would expect from this council, and believe me, it is not so ludicrous as to be unrealistic. Without resistance, this bylaw will be voted into existence. I know a lot of people will probably be sharing figures on what it actually entails and real life analogues for the measurements in question - such as the fact that at 65db, if your dog barks at 9:01pm and you have your window open on a balmy night, that neighbour across the street that hates the colour you painted your house could call the town and have you slapped with an infraction. Or maybe your restaurant

closes at 10:00pm, and some patron outside having a cigarette in the designated smoking area tells a real knee slapper of a joke, a couple people laugh, and poof, bylaw infraction. So now you as a business owner have to decide, to amend my hours of operation and cut a big chunk out of my revenue, or do I tell my customers not to talk above a whisper on the patio after 9pm? I'm sure that will bring a lot of repeat business.

And what about music? What about local artists, and bands, and festivals, who bring so much joy and colour? What about people like me who work hard and live abroad and pursue life in other ways, but circle Mahone Bay like the nucleus in our lives? I love this town - I love it's beauty, it's friendly atmosphere, and I love all the artists and musicians that, like myself, can go far away but always come back for the kitchen parties, the jam sessions at Betty's, or the Mug, or Matteus Bistro. I love spending the money I work so hard for in this town because the people and the things I love are there. Sometimes it gets a little loud. Sometimes the neighbour's lawn mower is loud. Sometimes a car backfires on its way to the 24hr Irving at 3am. Life in a town is not silent. Silent towns are dying towns, and I personally think Mahone Bay, in spite of the resistance of a loud and selfish minority, still has a lot of life in it. Please vote no on this noise ordinance, for the sake of the beautiful, loving and energetic community that many of you seem to take for granted.

Regards,  
Mike Brunelle

**From:** [Dylan Heide](#)  
**To:** [Marina Attendant](#)  
**Cc:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: noise bylaw  
**Date:** July 26, 2023 12:22:30 PM

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Thank you Richard. I have copied this email to our clerk account for inclusion in tomorrow's public hearing. Have a great day!

Dylan

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**From:** Marina Attendant <civicmarina000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:59 AM  
**To:** Dylan Heide <Dylan.Heide@townofmahonebay.ca>  
**Subject:** noise bylaw

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Hello Dylan

While I like peace and quiet as much as the next person, I think the sound levels proposed are unrealistic. Cutting the grass, or getting yelled at by my wife for not cutting the grass would both contravene the suggested sound levels.

Cheers

Richard

**From:** [Paul Seltzer](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Draft - Noise By-Law 2023  
**Date:** July 18, 2023 12:43:28 PM

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Attention Town Clerk:

Please present this objection to the new draft proposal for a Noise By-law at the meeting of Town Council July 27, 2023.

Reasons for objection to the proposal:

It does not **specifically** address the original concerns of **noisy mufflers** and exhaust systems that disturb the peace of the community .

It cites many example of exemptions to a noise by law.

Permission has been granted by the province for municipalities to specifically make noise mufflers illegal. (October 2021)

Mahone Bay already addressed noisy vehicles in Section V of a by-law September 12, 1986 ("Creates loud noise or disturbance by means of operation of a motor vehicle calculated to disturb the peace."

The stated purpose and appeal of the Ricer Muffler, a.k.a. fart-can; coffee can type muffler is to MAKE more NOISE, and disturb the peace

See [ryansgarage.com/lowcostfart-can-muffler](https://ryansgarage.com/lowcostfart-can-muffler) for detailed description.

Other communities already have by-laws addressing noisy mufflers (Halifax May 2023)(—Edmonton, British Columbia, Ontario)

Changes to our proposal should specifically make noisy mufflers/exhaust illegal.

**A REMEDY:** the problem of an **enforcement mechanism** that would avoid costs for decibel measurements and by-law administration to the town, would be to address the **source** of the muffler noise and incorporate compliance requirements at the time of vehicle **inspection**, requiring original muffler equipment under the Motor Vehicle Act and prohibiting modifications. Additional compliance could include random police checks along with registration stops, fines, license suspension,, flagging driving records, etc.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Seltzer [REDACTED]  
15 Cherry Lane, Mahone Bay, N.S B0J 2E0  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Rhiannon Visser](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Re: proposed Noise Bylaw  
**Date:** July 25, 2023 2:00:51 PM

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To whomever it concerns,

We are not in agreement to the proposed noise bylaw restrictions and believe the noise decimal should be amended based on a vote by the community. Online polling perhaps?

We agree there should be noise level bylaws for day and evenings, but do not agree with the proposed noise level times and decibels currently given.

For instance, we feel evening parameters could be as follows:

Sunday - Thursday 9pm - 7am

Friday - Saturday 10/11pm - 8/9am

Of course, we understand that this may not be what others in the community would want. But for the businesses in the area offering outside entertainment/music, and for a resemblance of a small town night life (for instance: music beside played outside by a crackling fire among friends) these times are suggested to ensure both worlds of the young workers, and the retired community are balanced.

We do not have any suggestions for the noise volumes, because this should be a majority ruling from the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our opinion on this matter.

**From:** [Dylan Heide](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#); [Eric Levy](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: PENDING NOISE BYLAW  
**Date:** July 26, 2023 5:35:11 PM

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Another submission to the public hearing. Thanks!

Dylan

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**From:** Alec Cloke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 4:43 PM  
**To:** David Devenne <david.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca>; Kelly Redden <kelly.redden@townofmahonebay.ca>; Dylan Heide <dylan.heide@townofmahonebay.ca>  
**Subject:** PENDING NOISE BYLAW

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Mayor and Members of Council

My name is Alec Cloke. My home is in Ontario. I have travelled to and enjoyed Mahone Bay for many years. I currently own two properties in the local vicinity including Lunenburg. I am about to own two more in downtown Mahone Bay. The Mahone Bay purchase is the beginning of a very significant investment , of which I hope to better the community with. I make these investments because I love the people from Nova Scotia, their lifestyle , their kindness, their honest zest for life and for their enjoyment of family and friends.

This enjoyment for the most part is generated through the camaraderie shared with great music and great food. Music has been a large part of my interaction with your townsfolk as it is so prevalent in town. It is rare that there isnt a restaurant somewhere in your community that doesnt have live music present at least one night a week. It is part of your towns reputation and a large part of what attracts people to visit. Musical entertainment will be a significant aspect of my development on Main St.

I find your draft form of your pending noise bylaw to be in 100% contradiction of your current reputation as a tourist town filled with life and enjoyment. You are about to stifle the noise of life. Your decibel levels during daytime hours are ridiculous. The levels suggested for nighttime hours are impossible to adhere to.

I had my staff take some time to find out where this anti business attitude came from and was shocked at the answers.

Your town has received two complaints over two years from the same party that has generated this document. That is ludicrous.

You are elected or employed by Mahone Bay to represent the interests of all citizens , not one.

This is one of the most restrictive and divisive anti business documents I have ever seen. When you cant figure out what to do with a situation you should look for precedents .

You arent the only town on the South Shore that has had to deal with noise. I suggest you look at Lunenburg to see how they have handled noise.

It is very suspect why this document exists and how two noise complaints ate up so much of councils time and effort. Its full of conditions that cant be proven or enforced and it will be nothing but a time wasting bureaucratic nightmare.  
I suggest you rethink your position.

Your town was way way too quiet on Canada Day.



Engineered Composite Solutions

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Town of Mahone Bay, Town Council, Mayor David Devenne, Town Clerk Kelly Redden.

Subject: Exemption to the proposed Noise By-law

Dear Town Council, Mayor, Town Clerk, and citizens of the Town of Mahone Bay,

I am writing on behalf of RPS Composites Inc. and its 84 employees located here in the Town of Mahone Bay. We appreciate the efforts made by the town council in formulating the Noise By-law to maintain peace and tranquility within the community where we both work and live. However, we seek your consideration in granting a fixed exemption to the activities conducted on land zoned for industrial use. Here are a few points to consider.

1. Operating on land zoned industrial: Our company operates in an area specifically zoned for industrial activities. The establishment of our operations in this zone reflects the Town's recognition of the need for such industries and their contribution to the local economy.
2. Company Policies for Noise Reduction: RPS Composites has company policies in place that address noise reduction between the hours of 8:00pm (20:00) and 8:00am. Some of the current noise reduction activities include: disabling forklift beepers, no dumping into dumpsters, no use of tools or equipment outside, keeping bay doors closed to buildings bordering our fence line.
3. Our Commitment to the Community: RPS Composites is committed to being a good neighbor and providing a positive impact to our community. We understand the significance of maintaining a peaceful environment for residents, and we are committed to being respectful participants in the community.

Considering these points, we kindly request an exemption from the provisions of this By-Law, We assure you that we will continue to adhere to our noise reduction policies and work closely with the town to address any concerns that may arise.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are available for any further discussions or clarification on our exemption request.

Sincerely,

*Blair Creaser*

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Blair Creaser  
General Manager Mahone Bay Facility







**From:** [Town of Mahone Bay Inquiries](#)  
**To:** [Eric Levy](#)  
**Subject:** FW: New Form Entry: Contact Form  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 8:45:06 AM

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**From:** no-reply@weebly.com <no-reply@weebly.com>  
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**Comment**

The proposed bi-law on noise is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard ! Will make this town the laughing stock of the province. I am at 239 Main next to the "short term rentals" and would rather hear people laughing then having RCMP rolling in all the time.

July 26, 2023

Mayor David Devenne  
Town of Mahone Bay  
P.O. Box 530  
Mahone Bay NS  
B0J 2E0

Dear Mayor Devenne:

**Re: Town of Mahone Bay proposed Noise By-Law**

Mahone Bay's proposed noise by-law if enacted will be the most unnecessary and repressive noise by-law, which will surely pit neighbours against neighbours. This draft by-law will have a negative impact on businesses in the food services sector, particularly those that provide in-house/patio dining services and entertainment. In addition, this sector is one of many that suffered greatly during the Covid Pandemic, and it is only the last few months, that businesses have begun to recover. We need a very supportive business environment to help the Mahone Bay business community move into sustainable conditions.

In our neighbouring Municipal units (Bridgewater, Chester, and Lunenburg), it is common good practice that noise restrictions are from 23 hrs to 07 hrs Monday through Friday; and 23 hrs to 08 hrs Saturday and Sunday. A special Council meeting held on July 21, 2023 regarding policing in Mahone Bay RCMP Sargent Plamondon generally referred to enforcement of noise complaints between 23 hrs to 07 hrs.

**Bridgewater Noise By-Law (Page 2)**

*5. No person shall generate, or cause or permit to be generated, a noise or sound that is measurable in A-weighted sound pressure level at a point of reception no closer to the source of noise than the boundary of the property on which the noise is generated*

*(1) in excess of 75 dBA, before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.*

*(2) in excess of 90 dBA, at other times*

**Chester Noise By-Law Noise By-Law No. 135 Effective 2007-07-24 (laserfiche.ca)**

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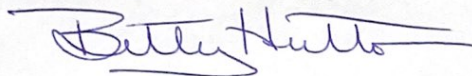
*Part 2: Activities proscribed on any day of the week before 7:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m.: 1. The operation in the outdoors of any power tool for domestic purposes (including, without limiting the foregoing, lawn mowers) but not including snow removal equipment; 2. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, singing or playing musical instruments that can be heard from a distance of 200 feet; 3. The operation of any public address system, television set, disc player, tape deck, D.V.D., phonograph, or radio or any similar device in a manner such that the sound from the equipment being operated is audible beyond the bounds of the property from which the noise is emitted; 4. Construction or the use or operation of construction equipment, except where such equipment is used or operated on any highway. Page 7 of 7 Part 3: Activities proscribed on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday before 7:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m.; on a Saturday before 8:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m.; and on a Sunday, Statutory Holiday or Remembrance Day at all times during any such day.*



During the Mahone Bay's Council meeting on May 25, 2023, Councillor Feeney spoke to the proposed noise by-law "There will be many opportunities for the public to weigh in." Councillor Feeney stated that letters had been received requesting a noise by-law. I was also present at the meeting and asked how many requests have been received. He reported "Six in the past year, three of the letters are in today's meeting package". I have reviewed the agendas and meeting packages from January 2022 to present looking for the 6 noise complaints. I did locate the six 6 letters. Three of the six letters refer to vehicular noise. There is only one other noise complainant that has written two letters and a friend that wrote in support of the complainant. The complainant purchased a home next to the commercial property that the complaint is referencing at the beginning of January 2020 just prior to Covid restrictions. The complainant's spouse is contracted for computer services by the Town of Mahone Bay. Neighbour against neighbour.

In closing I am respectfully requesting that the Town Council reconsider implementing the current draft noise by-law, and develop a by-law based on local best practices, that is sensitive of the business community.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Betty Hutton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Betty Hutton

**From:** [Cathy Andreu](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Noise Bylaw  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 9:14:17 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning Honourable Council Members,

Recently there was a post about the proposed noise bylaw, on a Mahone Bay social media page. It's not lost on me that the post was made by a person with direct interest in a business that has created excessive late-night noise for its neighbours, in a residential part of town, which prompted the need to help those of us affected. I believe the post was meant to enrage people without knowledge of how their business has been operating, and it worked.

While I agree with many people in town that the proposed bylaw should not include restrictions on daytime noise, I remain very much in favour of a bylaw for late-night noise. I understand that this bylaw has taken many people by surprise, as Mahone Bay is a mostly peaceful town. People don't live here for the nightlife. Unfortunately, on West Main, we have had to deal with late-night patio and music noise for about 2 years now. Nobody would want to live nearby that in the warmer months, as there is no escape from it. One benefit to all of the rain we've had this year is that it has limited the noise, as the patio has not been as usable. There have been many other issues that have emerged from being closely located to this particular business, but this is one that we currently have no recourse for because, as one of the owners has stated themselves, "There is no noise bylaw in Mahone Bay." The owners knew that, and they wanted to be the only late-night spot in Mahone Bay. They now are, and it has caused a lot of grief for their residential neighbours. Meanwhile, all other businesses in town operate responsibly and respectfully, and the local bar and brewery both close well before this business does.

There are many places where a late-night spot would have been more appropriate. But if you put a light-night spot smack dab in the middle of residential properties, in a quiet town, neighbours are going to be upset. Especially if the business owners don't make any attempts to alleviate the problems, and merely inflame them.

My suggestion is to make amendments to the proposed bylaw that create a better balance between protecting people from excessive late-night noise, while allowing individuals and businesses to continue to operate as usual during the daytime hours.

In gratitude,  
Cathy & Sebastian Andreu



July 26, 2023

Dear Mahone Bay Town Council,

I'm writing out of concern over the proposed new town by-law related to noise. From what I understand, these proposed changes have come about from a small number of complaints about one of the town's few restaurants.

From my perspective and considerable professional experience in the realm of placemaking, sales and marketing of tourist destinations across the globe, I see these harsh new restrictions as threatening to the successful operation of existing businesses in the town and an impediment to further expansion within the sectors of hospitality, retail and tourism - important industries to the town's continuing growth and prosperity.

The stated mission of Mahone Bay's own Chamber of Commerce is "to promote local interests, build a healthy economy, and sustain/grow the community's tourism and business environments." Further, the COC seeks to provide opportunities for residents and visitors to engage in 'retail therapy' and to 'eat, drink and be merry.' These activities have been known to generate some lively sound, particularly in the brief months of summer.

We are all witness to the shifting demographics of Mahone Bay, and many are sensitive to the management of Main Street and development that will increase density in town. For this necessary growth to be successful, a business must be welcome and able to thrive here, or we risk becoming a sleepy bedroom community that's unwelcoming to visitors, entrepreneurs and families looking for a vibrant small town to live and work in.

Perhaps it's time now for a more comprehensive study of the future of Mahone Bay - not just a knee-jerk reaction to some reasonable sounds of life in the town centre. In my professional opinion, there are times to check in on the big questions. What is the brand promise or DNA of Mahone Bay? Why will young families move here? What, beyond a beautiful photo op of three churches, should the town be recognised for in the future? Arts, culture and food in the Maritimes? A healthy home for people of all ages and a must-visit place on your travels to this part of the world?

With an updated mission, the by-laws can be appropriately realigned with thoughtful direction.

Those are my thoughts on the subject. And circling back to the point of writing today, the proposed Noise By-Law appears reactive and has unwelcome repercussions for the town and its citizens.

Colin Kingsmill

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**From:** [Colleen O'Neill](#)  
**To:** [Joseph Feeney](#); [Penny Carver](#); [Suzanne Lohnes-Croft](#); [Richard Nowe](#); [Kelly Wilson](#); [Francis Kangata](#); [David Devenne](#)  
**Cc:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** For urgent distribution to Council -- Proposed Noise Bylaw -- Request to Delay 2nd Reading  
**Date:** July 26, 2023 4:51:04 PM

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Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Council,

This brief email is to express my concerns regarding the proposed Noise Bylaw and to implore Council to delay 2nd reading until such time as the wording can be updated to address critical gaps in the current wording.

Having read the Draft Noise Bylaw, a cross section of Noise Bylaws currently in place within Towns in Nova Scotia, and having reviewed the Provincial Guidelines to municipal units intending to implement Noise Bylaws, it is my opinion that the proposed text is insufficient and introduces a plethora of potential unintended consequences.

In brief, my concerns are:

#### Definitions:

The proposed bylaw does not adequately define various critical terms including 'neighbourhood' and 'sound'. Please see the Town of Bridgewater Noise bylaw which provides an excellent example of how to define these terms in terms of what constitutes a 'neighbourhood' and what renders a noise as 'unreasonable'.

#### Statement of Intention

The bylaw should include a preface describing its intention and providing specific examples of the types of noises that are considered 'unreasonable'. In particular, there is no mention in the draft Noise Bylaw text as to either the chronic or persistent nature of sound that renders it unreasonable. This document would be aided by a specific statement of the problem it is intended to correct (i.e., the negative impact to health and enjoyment of property in the context of chronic/persistent loud noise).

#### Unintended consequences

The draft text is overly general, making it an infraction to create a noise or sound above 55dB after 9pm (other than those allowed by exemption). Given that a conversation at normal volume is 60dB, it is clear that this is a significant issue. This would render, for example, nightly conversations on a deck with an elderly or hard-of-hearing person a bylaw infraction, as would conversing over a back fence with a neighbour, talking loudly on the sidewalk, laughter, singing, calling kids in from the yard, etc.... essentially any sound above 55dB. I do not believe that it is Council's intention to curb social interactions to such an extreme degree, and the bylaw should not be written such that it does. I would also like to point out that one of the characteristics of noise is 'perceived noise'. Without going into great detail in this letter, suffice it to say that neighbours who are not on good terms will have ample ammunition with this Bylaw to attack each other should the current wording make it into Town law.



## Enforcement

There are a number of issues related to enforcement that present potential issues. I am most interested to understand what noise meter will be used to measure noise, how often it is calibrated, under what maintenance schedule, and the impact to Mahone Bay's operational budget would be required to respond to, measure, and enforce this bylaw. If the intention is to cease persistent and chronic noise, then it stands to reason that a single measure should be insufficient to levy a citation. Rather, multiple and protracted measures would be warranted. There are several municipalities, for example, that require multiple sound measures, each of at least a 1 hour duration in order to confirm an unreasonable noise and issue a citation. This is unspecified in the draft text and, as such, a single loud sound could potentially be regarded as 'noise' (again, this is not consistent with what I understand to be the intention of the Noise Bylaw, but it is written in a way that it cannot be eliminated as a scenario).

Critically, as currently written, it is foreseeable that the RCMP would potentially be called repeatedly to enforce Mahone Bay's Noise Bylaw. It is not difficult to imagine disgruntled and ill-spirited neighbours wasting valuable RCMP time to frivolously check their neighbour's noise levels. We should do everything we can to create a well-defined and reasonably enforceable Noise Bylaw that helps avert (or penalizes) this possibility.

## What it does not contain

This draft bylaw does not contain restrictions that, arguably, the average resident would *want* to see represented in a noise bylaw. For example, persistent barking dogs, fighting and shouting, early-morning lawn mowing, just to name a few. On this last point, the draft text explicitly **ALLOWS** landscaping equipment at all hours. This draft text also does not make any distinction between weekdays and, for example Sundays (as do many municipal noise bylaws). Again, there are various municipal Noise Bylaws across Nova Scotia that explicitly address these noise events and include .

## Construction Noise

Mahone Bay already has construction start-times that take build location context into account as part of their Development Agreement process. Construction start times should continue to be represented on a project-by-project basis, and NOT subject to town-wide prohibitions.

## 55dBA between 9pm to 7am

This noise level is not linked to any statements of intention or noise science and, as such, appears to be arbitrary. Because a conversation at normal volume is generally 60dB, the idea that Town residents and tourists must speak below this after 9pm is exceedingly restrictive, and possibly unenforceable, and, thus, unadvisable.

In summary, I am in favour of Mahone Bay creating and implementing a Noise Bylaw. The Draft Noise Bylaw currently scheduled for 2nd reading requires additional consideration and extensive revision to render it useful and enforceable. I implore Council to delay 2nd reading of the Draft Noise Bylaw until the above concerns are addressed.

I would be pleased to expand on this email and provide specific references to referenced documents if this would be helpful.

Warm regards,

Colleen O'Neill



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Reference:

Draft Text Mahone Bay Noise Bylaw

#### Prohibitions and Interpretations

No person shall engage in any activity which is likely to generate noise or sound that unreasonably disturbs the peace and tranquility of a neighbourhood. For the purpose of this section, activity which is likely to generate noise or sound that unreasonably disturbs the peace and tranquility of a neighbourhood is defined as follows:

- A) Any noise, measured at a point of reception, by an approved sound meter, in excess of 65 dBA during the hours of 7:00am to 9:00pm
- B) Any noise, measured at a point of reception, by an approved sound meter, in excess of 55 dBA during the hours of 9:00pm to 7:00am

**From:** [Desiree Gordon](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Sound bylaw  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 12:43:33 PM

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Hello I'm writing about the proposed sound bylaw for the town of Mahone bay. I believe you have made a mistake in the number of decibels. Also does this mean a baby cannot cry in the night? Or a small group of friends can't enjoy each others company in a back yard?

Thanks  
Desi

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Danielle King](#)  
**To:** [Penny Carver](#); [Suzanne Lohnes-Croft](#); [Richard Nowe](#); [Kelly Wilson](#); [Francis Kangata](#); [David Devenne](#); [Joseph Feeney](#)  
**Cc:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Noise By-Law  
**Date:** July 26, 2023 5:47:23 PM

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Dear Clerk, Mayor Devenne and Members of Council;

I'm a Business Owner and Significant Stakeholder in the Hospitality and Tourism industry here in Mahone Bay – I employ almost 40 people across what will soon be 6 companies all centered around the Hospitality and Tourism Industry. I have some major concerns with the proposed noise by-law and how it will affect my town, my industry and my businesses.

The Tourism, Hospitality and Restaurant Industries make a significant contribution to Mahone Bay's economy. We have a vibrant "Tourism Based" business sector made up of 16 Food Establishments, numerous Retail and Shopping options, Accommodations, Airbnb's, Local Artisans, Sightseeing and Boat Tours and so on – all vital to the town and every single person that lives here. Without Tourism, our businesses and ultimately our tax base will not be sustainable.

Tourism providers like myself heavily rely on providing a pleasant and enjoyable experience to our guests. We strive to create a warm and welcoming environment, where visitors can relax and enjoy some of our famous East Coast hospitality. However, the proposed noise by-law will restrict our ability to offer certain amenities and services that enhance guest experiences. For example, hosting events, live music performances, patio dining and larger gatherings might be limited or completely prohibited due to the proposed noise restrictions, limiting the overall entertainment options available to our guests.

Another issue with the noise by-law is the potential reduction in revenue for both my businesses and our local economy. Events and social gatherings are not only appealing to our guests but also attract locals and visitors from the surrounding area. If we are unable to host guests after 9pm, it will lead to decreased accommodation bookings and, subsequently, less income for the local businesses that rely on the influx of tourists. Remember that all of the businesses here are intrinsically connected and a "curfew" will hurt every single one of them.

Moreover, a noise by-law will hinder our ability to cater to a diverse clientele. Some of our guests prefer a lively and vibrant atmosphere, while others may seek a peaceful and quiet retreat. Striking a balance between these two can be challenging, especially if the by-law is too restrictive, leading to dissatisfaction among some guests. We have to cater to both.

Additionally, tourism is often a seasonal industry, and as accommodation providers

depend on peak periods to make up for slower times during the year. During these peak seasons, tourists are more likely to enjoy outdoor activities and events. However, noise by-laws that limit evening outdoor gatherings and festivities can reduce the allure of visiting during these times, potentially leading to a drop in tourism during the high season.

Enforcing and actioning the proposed noise by-law will present challenges for local authorities and law enforcement. Several factors contribute to the difficulty in enforcing noise regulations:









- **Subjectivity:** Noise perception varies from person to person, making it challenging to establish a clear and objective standard for what constitutes excessive noise. What may be loud to one individual may not bother another. 55 decibels after 9pm? A conversation and the average AC unit is louder than this. Will we all need SPL's or decibel meters now?
- **Resource constraints:** The Town of Mahone Bay has limited resources to actively enforce a noise by-law consistently across all areas and at all times.
- **Noise sources:** Identifying the source of noise complaints can be tricky, especially if the noise is intermittent or occurs in different locations. It may require significant time and effort to pinpoint the responsible party.
- **Time-sensitive nature:** By the time authorities respond to a noise complaint, the disruptive activity may have ceased, making it difficult to validate the claim and take appropriate action.
- **Commercial and industrial noise:** Businesses and industries produce significant noise levels, which can be challenging to regulate without impacting economic activities.
- **Legal complexities:** In some cases, the legal process involved in enforcing a noise by-law can be lengthy and cumbersome, leading to delays or difficulties in resolving the issue promptly.

While I value the well-being of our local community, the two noise complaints that are driving this proposed by-law have been tabled by an individual that has threatened and harassed me, my staff and my guests. His egregious behaviour has resulted in RCMP engagement on multiple occasions and ultimately a Protection of Property Order. This is a long standing vendetta and the person in question, (a Town of Mahone Bay contract employee no less), having exhausted other avenues of harassment, has taken to using Council to promote his agenda - punishing an entire community for his own contest and creating a rather obvious conflict of interest.

It's crucial to offer diverse and enriching experiences to residents and guests of Mahone Bay. Tourism is essential for sustainable growth and the noise by-law will indeed present significant challenges for the industry. I implore you to do the right thing for the community and the people and businesses in it - do not implement this by-law.

Regards

Danielle

**From:** [Dave Stephens](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on Noise Bylaw  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 9:05:25 AM

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Hello Mayor Devenne and Council,

I apologize for the last-minute submission; I'll try to keep it brief. I'm writing on my own behalf, not in my capacity as chair of the Mahone Bay Centre Society.

First, thank you for addressing this issue. I hope that you ignore most of the online commentary which has been based on disinformation and misunderstanding.

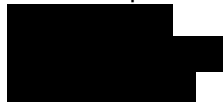
I think that from time to time, all of us have been bothered by excessive noise in town during the day and night. Personally speaking, I wish the contractor who cuts the grass at the Baptist Church next door could wait until at least 8 a.m., but I'm willing to live with that. Work has to be done. I'm also happy to see that exemptions would be offered for cultural activities; I'd hate to have to see South Shore Summer Theatre's rehearsals at the Mahone Bay Centre shut down, not to mention the bandstand concerts and even my friend Paul Seltzer's occasional evening trombone concerts! Nobody wants Mahone Bay to be sleepy 24/7.

However, I do think you should focus on the 9pm to 7am period. Whether it's motorcycles and cars without adequate mufflers or noise emanating from commercial establishments located next door to family homes, the Town can't simply throw up its hands and say there's nothing that can be done. The difficulty in enforcing any bylaw is the convenient excuse usually offered by those who don't want a bylaw, or to recognize that others might not appreciate the noise they're making. But saying that we can't do anything because of lack of enforcement is tantamount to acknowledging that people can do 70 or 80 kph on our 40 and 50 kph streets, because the speed limit can't be enforced.

I understand it's difficult to get the local RCMP detachment to agree to patrol at night, but a couple of unadvertised visits (and tickets) might be enough to deter the few troublemakers whose actions have led to this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Stephens



**From:** [Mahone Funeral Home](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Noise By-Law  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 10:39:13 AM

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July 27, 2023

Mayor & Council  
Town of Mahone Bay

I wish to go on record with my concern regarding the proposed Noise By-Law.

The purpose of my notification is simply to inform Council

I do agree that a certain level of restriction on noise production is warranted at specific times of the day.

I agree that the period between evening to dawn, span to be specified, may require a somewhat elevated restriction on noise production.


I think that during the daylight hours the restrictions should be somewhat more relaxed. There will be times that short durations of heightened noise are produced. As long as the noise produced is not ongoing for an extended period of time, I see no reason for penalizing a person on such occasions.

I do not know the specifics regarding past complaints and I would be interested in knowing if the noise was produced by residents of the town or visitors to the town?

An example of noise production that I am subjected to is that which emanates from two nearby businesses that attract a lot of vehicular traffic. This is for the most part during daylight hours, seven days a week, but I accept this as simply a fact pertaining to the operation of those businesses.

The Proposed Noise By-Law is far too restrictive for my liking and I would ask Council to table the second reading, for the time being, to allow for further deliberation.

Sincerely,  
Robert Morse

  
Mahone Bay



**From:** [Dylan Heide](#)  
**To:** [Janet Chernin](#); [Alan McMullin](#); [David Devenne](#); [Francis Kangata](#); [Penny Carver](#); [Joseph Feeney](#); [Suzanne Lohnes-Croft](#); [Richard Nowe](#); [Kelly Wilson](#)  
**Cc:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Noise Bylaw  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 12:13:12 PM

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Thank you Janet. I have copied this email to our clerk account for inclusion in today's public hearing. Have a great day!

Dylan

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**From:** Janet Chernin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:29 AM  
**To:** Dylan Heide <dylan.heide@townofmahonebay.ca>; Alan McMullin <alan.mcmullin@townofmahonebay.ca>; David Devenne <david.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca>; Francis Kangata <francis.kangata@townofmahonebay.ca>; Penny Carver <penny.carver@townofmahonebay.ca>; Joseph Feeney <joseph.feeney@townofmahonebay.ca>; Suzanne Lohnes-Croft <suzanne.lohnes-croft@townofmahonebay.ca>; Richard Nowe <richard.nowe@townofmahonebay.ca>; Kelly Wilson <kelly.wilson@townofmahonebay.ca>  
**Subject:** Proposed Noise Bylaw

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Mayor Devenne, Mr. Heide, CAO and Councillors,

As a member of the Mahone Bay Tourism & Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to you with my concerns about the draft noise bylaw.

The current proposed Noise Bylaw for the town of Mahone Bay lacks merit. The overreaching nature of this proposed bylaw is inane at best. A resident would not be able to carry out daily functions based on your proposed noise bylaw. Will parents have to then sequester their children and keep them

inside in fear that normal play, singing, laughing and yes, even yelling, would be a fineable offence?

Why is common sense not being used in relation to petty grievances? Why is Mahone Bay going down the slippery slope/ model of being a one complaint driven municipality?

Who will be regulating and enforcing this bylaw? Will you be outfitting 'staff' to carry 'approved' sound meters? Will they be handing out tickets? How much will this cost in hiring a solicitor to legally ensure fines are properly levied? The Town is unable to even enforce a minimal Animal Control Bylaw yet you are willing to waste taxpayers dollars for this?

This proposal has gone from the sublime to ridiculous and frankly makes the Town look silly at best.

FYI: <https://ehs.yale.edu/.../files/files/decibel-level-chart.pdf>

50-65 dB Normal conversation

60-65 dB Laughter

70 dB Vacuum cleaner, hair dryer

75 dB Dishwasher

78 dB Washing machine

80 dB Garbage disposal, city traffic noise"

AND I guess you can't **MOW** in Mahone Bay if this passes: Lawn mower (90 – 95 dB)

Do note that with the recent flooding a sump pump ranges from 45- 60 dB, a shop vac. ranges from 60-90 dB. Would it be an offence to use these devices?

What an

epic waste of time and resources.  
Janet Chernin

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Sea Dawg Boarding  
[Redacted]  
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Kirsty Cousins



Mahone Bay, NS

MB Town Council

Main Street

Mahone Bay, NS

July 26th 2023

Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Noise Bylaw

Dear Members of the MB Town Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed noise bylaw that is currently under consideration. While I understand the importance of maintaining peace and tranquility within our town, I respectfully disagree with certain aspects of the proposed bylaw.

Firstly, I would like to address the definition of "activity which is likely to generate noise or sound that unreasonably disturbs the peace and tranquility of a neighborhood." The proposed bylaw sets decibel limits of 65 dBA between 7:00 am to 9:00 pm and 55 dBA between 9:00 pm to 7:00 am. While I appreciate the intention behind setting limits to prevent excessive noise, I believe that these specific decibel levels are too restrictive and would like to ask if any research has been carried out to look at what normal ranges are. For example a dog barking can reach 80dB, an air conditioning unit can be 70db, will we be fined for these? The bylaw does not have any exemption for these kinds of things. It is important to consider that certain activities may occasionally require noise levels that exceed these limits. Stricter regulations may hinder essential services and impede the progress of necessary projects.

Furthermore, noise perception can vary among individuals. What may be considered disruptive to one person may not be the same for another. Therefore, it is crucial to strike a balance between maintaining peace and allowing reasonable activities to take place within our community.

The proposed bylaw may have unintended consequences, such as preventing people from walking along the streets after 9pm and having a normal conversation with one another, hindering gatherings and conversations, and limiting outdoor seating and events for restaurants and other activities. I would like to propose a more flexible approach to the noise bylaw, one that takes into account the specific circumstances and context of each situation. This could involve implementing a system where noise complaints are assessed on a case-by-case basis, considering factors such as the duration, frequency, and purpose of the noise-generating activity.

Additionally, I suggest the establishment of a community feedback mechanism, where residents can voice their concerns and provide input on noise-related matters. This would ensure that the bylaw reflects the collective needs and preferences of the community, fostering a sense of inclusivity and fairness.

I am aware that you have received 6 noise complaints in the last year, but it is important to note that three of them are related to vehicle noise, which are not relevant to this bylaw, and two came from the same individual and are targeted at a specific business. Considering the reactions I have seen online about this proposed bylaw, it is likely that more residents will express their concerns about the changes. I hope these voices are heard and taken into consideration, just as you have considered two complaints and proposed changes that will impact the entire community, including the important tourist population.

In conclusion, I appreciate the efforts of the MB Town Council in addressing the issue of noise disturbances within our town. However, I believe that a more flexible and community-oriented approach would better serve the interests of all residents, not just one or two. I kindly request that you consider these points during your deliberations on the proposed noise bylaw.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the concerns raised and make decisions that promote harmony and understanding within our community.

Yours sincerely,

Kirsty Cousins

**From:** [Dylan Heide](#)  
**To:** [Francis Kangata](#); [lisa learning](#); [David Devenne](#)  
**Cc:** [Town of Mahone Bay Council](#); [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Noise Bylaw  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 12:24:49 PM

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Thank you Francis. I have copied this email to our clerk account for inclusion in today's public hearing. See you this evening!

Dylan

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**From:** Francis Kangata <[francis.kangata@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:francis.kangata@townofmahonebay.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 12:23 PM  
**To:** lisa learning [REDACTED]; David Devenne <[David.Devenne@TownofMahoneBay.ca](mailto:David.Devenne@TownofMahoneBay.ca)>  
**Cc:** Town of Mahone Bay Council <[TOMB-Council@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:TOMB-Council@townofmahonebay.ca)>; Dylan Heide <[Dylan.Heide@TOWNOFMAHONEYBAY.CA](mailto:Dylan.Heide@TOWNOFMAHONEYBAY.CA)>  
**Subject:** RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Noise Bylaw

Thanks for the well-articulated feedback, Lisa.  
Deeply appreciated -I've copied the rest of the council and the CAO for inclusion in tonight's feedback package.

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**From:** lisa learning [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 12:20 PM  
**To:** David Devenne <[David.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:David.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca)>; Francis Kangata <[francis.kangata@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:francis.kangata@townofmahonebay.ca)>  
**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Proposed Noise Bylaw

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Town of Mahone Bay

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Members of the Town Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Noise Bylaw currently under consideration. While I support the idea of addressing noise issues, I believe the current draft lacks clarity and practicality.

One aspect that raises questions is the origin of the noise complaints. Out of the six complaints received, it appears that three are in reference to vehicle noise which would be difficult if not impossible to control with this bylaw, while the other three pertain to general town noise. Strikingly, two of the three town noise complaints come from the same individual.

Considering this information, I question whether it is reasonable to create a new bylaw as extreme as this one, based on only two town noise complaints. It seems disproportionate to implement such a restrictive measure for the entire community when the number of relevant complaints is relatively low.

The bylaw requires a clear preamble, outlining its purpose and providing specific examples of 'unreasonable' noise to avoid misinterpretation. Additionally, the chronic or persistent nature of sound must be considered in formulating the bylaw's objective.

The draft's generalized language may unintentionally restrict normal social interactions, such as conversations on decks and friendly exchanges, potentially hindering essential community activities.

Enforcement poses challenges; clarity on the chosen noise meter, calibration schedule, and financial implications are needed for fair judgments.

The draft lacks essential inclusions, such as addressing persistent noise sources and distinguishing between weekday and weekend regulations.

Considering construction noise, the current approach is commendable; however, town-wide prohibitions should be avoided in favor of project-specific assessments.

The noise level set at 55dBA between 9pm and 7am may present difficulties for residents and tourists to communicate effectively during those hours.

I kindly request postponing the 2nd reading to address these concerns for a well-crafted and practical Noise Bylaw.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am available for further elaboration and references if needed.

Respectfully,

Lisa Learning

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Alan McMullin](#)  
**To:** [Eric Levy](#); [Dylan Heide](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Noise bylaw  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 10:31:27 AM

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**From:** Alan McMullin <Alan.McMullin@Townofmahonebay.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:30:54 AM  
**To:** Ruth Kimmins [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Noise bylaw

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**From:** Ruth Kimmins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:13:34 AM  
**To:** Alan McMullin <alan.mcmullin@townofmahonebay.ca>  
**Subject:** Noise bylaw

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Hi Alan I tried to send the following to Dylan and Eric yesterday but for some reason returned to my outbox and now disappeared. I will rewrite and please pass on.

I have lived at [REDACTED] Main St. since October 2021 anticipating a very quiet neighbourhood. The house at [REDACTED] Main St. had recently been sold to the current owner, allegedly as a retirement home. This has not proved to be the case as it immediately became an Air B and B rental property accommodating upto 9 guests as advertised on the Air B and B listing. Today July 26th there are 2 cars and 8 guests, 4 of whom are children. The house is not the primary residence of the owner.

Has he registered this Air B and B with the Town of Mahone Bay? Has he met the requirements of the new Nova Scotia new Short Term Rentals - April 1 2023 ? The Air B and B guests have only been of concern to me on one occasion - noise and excessive smoking of marijuana in the woods bordering my property. However, it is disconcerting to have unknown people constantly moving in and out of the neighbouring property. This , however has proved to be a significant concern for the neighbours at [REDACTED] Main St. who have endured noise, hot tub activities, cars coming and going and lack of respect for neighbouring properties and water frontage

. I have made numerous calls(7) to the RCMP regarding the owner of [REDACTED] Main St.- aggressive, intrusive actions and very loud music directed at my house with speakers placed on the ground or window. On each occasion the RCMP officers have apologized for not being able to proceed further than talking to the owner of 970 Main because of a lack of appropriate " legislation " . I

am pleased to note the review of the outdated Noise ByLaw and the appointment of a By- Law Enforcement Officer.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. Ruth Kimmins.



**From:** [Dylan Heide](#)  
**To:** [RayPort Campground](#)  
**Cc:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Noise By-law opposition  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 11:49:07 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thank you Dave. I have copied this email to our clerk account for inclusion in today's public hearing. Have a great day!

Dylan

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**From:** RayPort Campground [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 10:37 PM  
**To:** Dylan Heide <dylan.heide@townofmahonebay.ca>  
**Subject:** Noise By-law opposition  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Mr Heide,

*I am writing in regard to the newly proposed Noise By-Law that is in reading in front of council. We operate RayPort Campground in Martin's River and are longtime members of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce. We have been in the tourism business for 51 years and have had a great relationship with Town of Mahone Bay for decades and we have always felt that if Mahone Bay is thriving...then so are we. We feel very similar about the Village of Chester, and also Town of Lunenburg...but more so for Mahone Bay.*

*We have seen many changes in all 3 destinations, mostly for the good...but sometimes, unfortunately not. This would include the movement to sell off the properties such as the land which is housing the Lunenburg Board of Trade Campground and also historic Lunenburg Academy. Also, over the years we have seen sometimes stifling tourism activities from Village of Chester residents that don't want to adapt to the changing tourism landscape. That is one reason why we are not a part of their chamber anymore. Tourism brings in new dollars. In many cases, the more dollars brought in from thriving tourism business, the less taxes residents have to pay in tax. The whole community thrives.*

*To summarize, along with being in the tourism industry, professionally I am a recording engineer with a degree in Music Production and Engineering from Berklee College of Music in Boston and currently senior Audio Engineer at CTV Atlantic in Halifax. 65dB is basically normal everyday conversation. To bring things into perspective, my normal listening level in studio is between 70 and 75 dB. So, in my professional opinion, along with my long tourism background...we at RayPort Campground are in high opposition to this new proposed noise by-law as we feel the impact on tourism would be a negative one on all surrounding tourism properties. To classify 1dB over 65 as noise during the hours of 9am and 7pm is totally ridiculous when an average motorcycle will be much higher than that, especially a Harley. I'm sure there are more constructive ways to accomplish noise complaints within the Town of Mahone Bay. Perhaps have Main St designated an entertainment district which would be exempt, much like the city of Halifax has a designated area so live music could still thrive. Furthermore to this...how would such a by-law be enforced, when there are so many other*

policing issues? Again, we at RayPort are in opposition to this by-law. Please pass our opposition along to council.

Thanks,  
Dave

Dave Eisnor  
RayPort Campground  
[REDACTED]  
<https://www.rayport.ca/>



**From:** Sara Whynot  
**To:** Town of Mahone Bay Clerk  
**Subject:** Fwd: Noise Bylaw comment  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 1:38:11 PM

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Thank you  
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Sara Whynot (She/Her)  
Research Facilitator  
Dalhousie University  
Nova Scotia Health Authority

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**From:** Sara Whynot [REDACTED]  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 at 12:25:32 PM EDT  
**To:** clerk@townofmahonebay.com  
**Cc:** Norman Whynot [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Noise Bylaw comment

Hello,

We live at 680 Main Street in Mahone Bay, directly across from the Marina ... 35 years of perspective.

While the proposed noise bylaw is of good intention, it is flawed. We will not argue specifics, just try and provide a sober second thought regarding the interpretation.

Let's provide some context:

1. We live directly across from the Marina where boats are mired and stored year-round. We hear the clanging halyards year round, with windows closed INSIDE our home. If we hear these - all storage season long - from inside a closed window home the dB level definitely exceeds 65, the proposed maximum level.
2. The Town of Mahone Bay planning committee has granted commercial within residential zones for many years now. Should those businesses in pre-existing commercial zones be penalized after the fact? Consider this ... there are vibrant, year-round commercial tax-generating businesses that could be at risk with the stringent dB levels proposed. Should they be penalized for only trying to do business in their pre-approved commercial zone?

PLEASE, let's put the brakes on this for now as it will potentially impact our residential tax rates when many of the viable businesses are forced to modify their revenue generating hours and run the risk of closing. Mahone Bay NEEDS those commercial rate payers.

Sincerely,  
Sara and Norman Whynot

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



# **DALHOUSIE** **UNIVERSITY**

*Dalhousie University sits on the unceded traditional territory of the Mi kmaq. We are all Treaty people.*

**From:** [Tina Hennigar](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#); [David Devenne](#); [Francis Kangata](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to the Noise Bylaw  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 12:50:24 PM

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Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Council for the town of Mahone Bay,

In January of 2023 I came into your chambers to share the good news that a large group of International Healthcare workers would be arriving from Africa to live and work in Mahone Bay. At that time I asked for the Town to consider undertaking an anti-racism/ welcoming community initiative. The decision was made to not do that, but then, 6 months later, the town decided to pursue a noise bylaw. I would argue that racism is far more of a threat than noise.

The individuals who will be arriving will be living in one of 6 homes, all in the town. It is fair to say that everyday, one if not more people residing in those homes will be working a 7am-7pm shift, which will make any kind of cultural celebration impossible. That's not overly welcoming. As we know, music, song and dance are a huge part of African traditions- all of which we could use a little more of. I would share with you countless articles on how such bylaws are classist, agist and racist, but I'm certain you have already considered the data prior to announcing it. This will do nothing more than pit neighbour against neighbour in a town once revered for its neighbourliness.

I'd ask for you to reconsider this unwelcoming policy.

Tina Hennigar,  


**From:** [Dylan Heide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Noise By-Law  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 11:44:26 AM

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Thank you. I have copied this email to our clerk account for inclusion in tomorrow's public hearing. Have a great day!

Dylan

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**From:** t4u teabrewery.com [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** Dylan Heide <dylan.heide@townofmahonebay.ca>  
**Subject:** Noise By-Law

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Hello Dylan

We are concerned about the Noise By-law. We live above our business in the main area of Mahone Bay as at least ten others do. We chose to do this, knowing that there would be noise on the street if businesses are going to be successful. Noise from delivery trucks, maintenance vehicles, etc. However, the vehicles without mufflers and motorcycles roaring through town are disruptive for business and, more than that, are dangerous with speeds of well over the posted 50kph. This is a frequent occurrence, every day from 10 until 7.

Our concern is, after reading the by-law, that it mostly addresses that noise generated by businesses that have music and special events. These activities drive customers in and create an enhanced atmosphere on the street that will be good for the whole community. Adding another layer of bureaucratic compliance will just discourage businesses from taking the initiative to make this a more vibrant community.

If you want to experience the REAL noise, come sit on our patio for an hour (we will provide the tea) and bring your sound meter.

Gwen and Bruce Smith  
The Tea Brewery

**From:** [marie raymond](#)  
**To:** [Town of Mahone Bay Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Noise  
**Date:** July 27, 2023 3:48:40 PM

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I'm all for a by-law for noise at night, after 9pm.  
Up until that time, we don't need it. The proposed by-law is  
extreme - can't believe it was presented with such low  
noise levels. It will only divide people. I hope everyone  
can reach a reasonable solution.

Marie Raymond

