

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

## BY-LAW NO. 2010- 006

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Being a By-law to regulate noise within the boundaries of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands, consisting of the geographic Townships of Bangor, Wicklow and McClure, Monteagle and Herschel

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WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands is empowered to pass By-laws to regulate noise within the boundaries of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands, consisting of the geographic Townships of Bangor, Wicklow and McClure, Monteagle and Herschel, pursuant to Section 129(1), of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to enact a by-law to regulate noise within the boundaries of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands;

AND WHEREAS Section 129(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that Council may do so.

NOW THEREFORE the Council for the Municipality of Hastings Highlands enacts as follows:

### 1. DEFINITIONS:

In this By-law;

- a) **“Agricultural property”** means a property that is zoned for agricultural use in the zoning by-law that applies to the property;
- b) **“Construction”** includes erection, alteration, repair, dismantling, demolition, structural maintenance, painting, moving, land clearing, earth moving, grading, excavation, blasting and detonation of explosive devices other than fireworks, the laying of pipe and conduit whether above or below ground level, street and highway building, concreting, equipment installation and alteration and the structural installation of construction components and materials in any form or for any purpose, and includes any associated or related work;
- c) **“Council”** means the elected Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands;
- d) **“Emergency”** means a situation or an impending situation, often dangerous, caused by the forces of nature, an accident, an intentional act or otherwise, which arises suddenly and calls for prompt action;
- e) **“Emergency vehicle”** includes a land ambulance, an air ambulance, a fire department vehicle, and a motor vehicle being used to respond to an emergency;

- f) **“Motor vehicle”** includes an automobile, bus, truck, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle and any other vehicle propelled or driven other than by muscular power, but does not include a motorized snow vehicle, traction engine, farm tractor, other farm vehicle or road-building machine;
- g) **“Municipality”** means the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands;
- h) **“Noise”** means sound that is unusual or excessive, or that is unwanted by or disturbing to persons;
- i) **“Owner”** includes:
  - i) the person, for the time being, managing or receiving the rent of the land or premises, in connection with which the word is used, whether on the person’s own account or as agent or trustee of any other person, or who would so receive the rent if such land and premises were let, and;
  - ii) a leasee or occupant of the property who, under the terms of a lease, is required to repair and maintain the property in accordance with the standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property.
- j) **“Person”** includes a corporation as well as an individual;
- k) **“Premises”** means a piece of land and any buildings and structures on it, and includes a place of business, road, and any other location or place;
- l) **“Provincial Offences Officer”** includes any person who is employed or who has entered into a contract with the Corporation and who has been appointed by by-law by Council to control dogs or any Municipal Law Enforcement Officer engaged to enforce by-laws of the Corporation or any Police Officer or Police Cadet Officer employed and/or appointed by the Ontario Provincial Police;
- m) **“Residence”** means a room, suite of rooms, or dwelling, including a mobile trailer, operated as a housekeeping unit that is used or intended to be used as a separate domicile by one or more persons, and that normally contains cooking, eating, living, sleeping and sanitary facilities;
- n) **“Road”** includes a public highway, private road, lane, pathway and sidewalk;
- o) **“Utility”** means a system that is used to provide a utility service to the public, including water, sewage, electricity, gas, communications networks and cable services;
- p) **“Vehicle”** includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road-building machine and other vehicle propelled or driven other than by muscular power;

- q) **“Zoning By-law”** means a by-law passed under section 34 of the *Planning Act* that restricts the use of land.

## 2. GENERAL NOISE REGULATIONS

- 2.1 No person shall make, cause or permit to be made, either on a highway or elsewhere in the Municipality, **commencing from 12:00 a.m. on any given evening to 6:00 a.m. on any given morning**, any unnecessary noise or unnecessary sound which disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any other person or is the result of any activities described in Schedule “A” and that is audible to:
- a) a person in a premises or vehicle other than the premises or vehicle from which the noise is originating; or
  - b) a person in a residence other than the residence from which the noise is originating.

## 3. EXEMPTIONS

### Emergency Vehicles

- 3.1 The provisions of this By-law shall not apply to police, fire, ambulance or other emergency vehicle proceeding to an emergency.

### Special Events

- 3.2 The provisions of this By-law shall not apply to person or organizations who have received written permission for the event from the Municipality.

The prohibitions described in Schedule “A” do not apply if the noise is the result of measures undertaken in an emergency for the:

- a) immediate health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants; or
  - b) preservation or restoration of property, unless the noise is clearly of the longer duration or of a more disturbing nature than is reasonably necessary to deal with the emergency.
- 3.3 The prohibitions described in Schedule “A” do not apply if the noise is the result of any of the activities described in Schedule “B.”
- 3.4 The prohibitions described in Schedule “A” do not apply if the noise is the result of an activity that has been granted an exemption under section 3.

#### **4. SCHEDULES**

4.1 The following Schedules are attached and form part of this by-law:

- a) Schedule "A" - General noise prohibitions;
- b) Schedule "B" - Exemptions from noise prohibitions

#### **5. PENALTY PROVISIONS**

- 5.1 Any person who contravenes the provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act* and to any other applicable penalties.
- 5.2 If this by-law has been contravened and a conviction entered, the court in which the conviction has been entered and any other court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may, in addition to any other remedy and to any penalty that is imposed, make an Order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted.

#### **6. ENFORCEMENT**

- 6.1 This By-law shall be enforced by a Police Officer, Police Cadet, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Provincial Offences Officer or any other person appointed by Municipal Council.

#### **7. SEVERABILITY**

- 7.1 If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provisions, or any part of a provision, of this by-law to be invalid, or to be of no force and effect, is the intention of council in enacting this by-law that each and every provision of this by-law authorized by law be applied and enforced in accordance with the terms to the extent possible according to law.

#### **8. REPEALS**

- 8.1 This By-law hereby repeals all Noise By-laws in the geographic Townships of Bangor, Wicklow and McClure, Monteagle and Herschel.

#### **9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 9.1 This By-law shall take effect upon its adoption.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

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Ron Emond, Mayor

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I. Craig Davidson, CAO-Clerk/Treasurer

SCHEDULE "A" to By-law No. 2010-006

General Noise Prohibitions

1. The playing of any radio, public address system, electronic sound equipment, loud speaker, musical instrument or other sound producing equipment when the equipment is played or operated in such manner that the sound or noise made by or created thereby disturbs the peace, comfort or repose of any person, or a police officer acting in accordance with their duties.
2. The use of an amplifier or loud speaker carried in or attached to a motor vehicle being operated or standing on a public highway.
3. Operation of a combustion engine or pneumatic device without an effective exhaust muffling device that is in good working order and in constant operation.
4. Operation of any item of construction equipment without an effective exhaust muffling device that is in good working order and in constant operation.
5. Operation of a vehicle in a manner that results in banging, clanking, squealing or similar sounds because of inadequate maintenance or an improperly secured load.
6. The deliberate and unnecessary acceleration, rapid turning or rapid braking of a motor vehicle.
7. Operation of any outdoor auditory signalling device, including but not limited to outdoor paging systems, the ringing of bells or gongs, the use of sirens, whistles or chimes, or the production, reproduction or amplification of any similar sounds by electronic means except where required or authorized by law or in accordance with good safety practice.
8. Persistent barking, calling or whining or other similar persistent noise making by animals and birds kept as household pets, which disturbs the peace or repose of any person in another occupied dwelling.
9. Yelling, shouting, hooting or similar noise that disturbs or prohibits the peace and enjoyment of any person occupying a neighbouring property.
10. Setting off of fireworks after 12:00 a.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
11. Operation of an engine or motor in, or on, any vehicle or item of attached auxiliary equipment for a continuous period of more than five minutes, or such other time limit specified in the by-law controlling the idling of vehicles and boats, while such vehicle is stationary in a residential area, unless:
  - a. The vehicle is in an enclosed structure constructed so as to effectively prevent the emission of excessive noise;

- b. Continuous operation of the engine or motor is essential to a basic function of the vehicle or equipment, including but not limited to the operation of ready-mixed concrete trucks, lift platforms, refuse compactors and heat exchange systems during normal operation;
- c. Weather conditions justify the use of heating or refrigeration systems powered by the motor or engine for the safety and welfare of the operator, passengers or animals, or the preservation of perishable cargo.

SCHEDULE "B" to By-law No. 2010-0006

Exemptions from the Noise Prohibitions

1. Operation of emergency vehicles.
2. Operation of municipal service vehicles and related equipment.
3. Operation of utility service vehicles and related equipment.
4. Authorized displays of fireworks.
5. Circuses and midways that have been authorized by the Municipality.
6. Races, parades, processions, concerts, events for ceremonial, religious or traditional purposes, cultural, recreational, educational and political events in parks and other public places that have been authorized by the Municipality and by the police.
7. Operation of bells, chimes, carillons and clocks in churches and public buildings.
8. Cultural, recreational, educational and political events in parks and other public places that have been authorized by the Municipality.
9. Neighbourhood events on municipal highways and other municipal property that have been authorized by the Municipality.
10. Agricultural activities on agricultural properties.