

Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan

From: Rachel Gilbert
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 11:04 AM
To: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan
Subject: FW: Draft bylaw feedback

Sheralee,

I've provided some comments below in red text. Let me know if any of this is not clear or if you need anything else from me.

Sehne suggests support for limiting hours of operation which the draft bylaw does limit. The bylaw limits blasting for the same hours that the Community Standard Bylaw limits construction. They suggest concerns with blasting late in the evening but its not clear if they have concerns with the hours which are drafted into in the bylaw (if they feel that they are not restrictive enough) or generally with the impact of blasting late into the day and therefore supports the restrictions drafted into the bylaw.

The Blasting Bylaw does enable blasting on weekends but regulates the times this can occur, so they seem to be suggesting that they have concerns with enabling blasting on weekends.

Hours of operation:

- The hours are a concern as the blasting continues too late in the evening.
- No blasting on weekends -

The main concern here is for the public, blasting late when homeowners are at home with children and also with the labour needed to cover these hours. This would increase the cost that would need to be charged. Labour is a scarce commodity as it is.

Sehne has provided comments on the requirement for a written report with a pre-blast survey. The draft bylaw requires a written report or report with a pre-blast survey in the following instances:

- a written report which includes still photographs of all existing deficiencies;
- if the structure is connected to a well a report on the age and condition of the well; and
- if the structure is connected to an on-site sewage disposal system, a report on the age and condition of the on-site system.

It's not clear if they have concerns with all three of these requirements or if it relates to just the written report indicating deficiencies. This requirement is also included in the HRM Blasting Bylaw and the East Hants draft bylaw doesn't indicate the level of detail required in the written report so could be a simple written report if warranted. I don't feel this is an overly onerous requirement for a blaster to provide.

Pre blast survey:

- Inspections are done on video with still photos when necessary – however written reports are not needed as it is all on the video.

Cost and time implications.



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From: Sehne Connell <Sehne@kmins.ca>
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Subject: Draft bylaw feedback

Good morning

Thanks for the opportunity to provide you with some input.

Here is some feedback on the draft bylaw from the perspective of a monitoring company.
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Thanks for the opportunity.

Regards
Sehne.

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