



Date: April 17, 2025
To: East Hants Municipal Council
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From: John Woodford, Director of Planning and Development
Re: Outdoor Event Regulations

Planning staff presented amendments to the regulations for Large Scale Special Events to Planning Advisory Committee on April 15, 2025. Following the discussion, Planning Advisory Committee requested staff amend the proposed changes to provide further clarification on the types of events that would be excluded from the regulations. Staff have drafted new amendments to the regulations for Council's consideration.

The amendments include exempting Remembrance Day ceremonies, sports tournaments, religious ceremonies or services, and any events run by the Municipality or Province from the definition of Large-Scale Special Events. Amendments are also proposed to include under the definition of Large-Scale Special Events, entertainment uses that are using amplified music or sounds of any kind. The drafted amendments are as follows:

Definitions

Special Event, Large-Scale means an event held outside an enclosed permanent structure where there is an assembly of ~~4000~~ 500 persons or more at any given point in time during the event. It is a temporary, short-term use of land for the purpose of fundraising, promotional activities, celebrations, or for entertainment or amusement. The use does not include Municipal or Provincial events, sports tournaments, Remembrance Day ceremonies, religious ceremonies or services, parades, and firework displays.

A large-scale special event also includes any event where there is an assembly of 200 persons or more at any given point in time during the event that is intended to be semi-private, but is accessible to the general public via a ticket, admission fee, or similar where music, noise or sound of any kind or source, including but not limited to amplified, recorded or computer-generated music and sounds, live music, sound or band music is performed or played.

Section 3.34- Large Scale Special Events

- a) Large-scale special events shall be permitted in all zones except in the LR, CR, R1, R2, R3, MH, ~~HF~~, WS, and WG Zones.
- d) The proposed hours of operation shall be provided to the Development Officer. No Large-Scale Special Event shall operate between the hours of 12am and 7am.