The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie

C O U N C I L R E P O R T

June 2, 2025

TO:	Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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DEPARTMENT:	Community Development and Enterprise Services
RE:	Noise By-Law Exemption Summer Events 2025

Purpose
The purpose of this report is to request Council approval of a Noise By-Law Exemption for 2025 Summer Events.

Background
Several events occur each year in the downtown core that extend past 11 p.m. and require an exemption to Noise By-law 80-200.

The list includes annual events such as Rotaryfest, New Year's Eve Puck Drop, Vivid Art Fest, and Battle of the Bands, a new event planned for September at the Downtown Plaza.

Analysis
In an effort to streamline the number of reports requesting a Noise By-law exemption, staff are bringing one report to address upcoming events that will extend music and festivities past 11 pm up to 12:30 am. The events are as follows:

1. July 17, 2025, Clergue Park/Civic Centre North Parking Lot for Rotaryfest
2. July 18, 2025, Clergue Park/Civic Centre North Parking Lot for Rotaryfest
3. July 18, 2025, Downtown Plaza for Rotaryfest
4. July 19, 2025, Clergue Park/Civic Centre North Parking Lot for Rotaryfest
5. September 19, 2025, Downtown Plaza for Vivid Art Fest
6. September 20, 2025, Downtown Plaza for Vivid Art Fest
7. September 25, 2025, Downtown Plaza for Battle of the Bands
8. December 31, 2025, Downtown Plaza for New Year's Eve

Financial Implications
There are no financial implications.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact
This is an operational matter not articulated in the Corporate Strategic Plan.

Recommendation
It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-law 2025-88 is listed under Agenda item 12 and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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