

NOISE BYLAW

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BRITANNIA NO. 502 BYLAW NO. 13-2026

A BYLAW TO REGULATE NOISE WITHIN THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BRITANNIA NO. 502

WHEREAS Section 8 of *The Municipalities Act* authorizes a municipality to enact bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people, the protection of people and property, and the enforcement of municipal bylaws;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the agricultural and rural character of the Municipality while acknowledging the continued growth of hamlets, country residential developments, recreational areas, commercial activities, industrial development, and resource extraction operations;

AND WHEREAS Council considers it desirable to regulate excessive or unreasonable noise in a manner that balances the reasonable enjoyment of property by residents with the lawful operation of agricultural, commercial, industrial and municipal activities;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This Bylaw may be cited as "The Noise Bylaw".

2. Definitions

In this Bylaw:

(a) "Agricultural Operation" means:

1. the planting, growing or harvesting of crops, trees, shrubs or sod;
2. the raising, production or protection of livestock, poultry, fish or bees; or
3. any activity reasonably necessary to support normal agricultural production.

(b) "Audible Bird Scare Device" means a stationary or portable device designed to deter birds through impulse sounds or explosions, including but not limited to propane-fired cannons or similar equipment.

(c) "Commercial or Industrial Activity" means any business, commercial, industrial, manufacturing, processing, resource extraction, oilfield, utility or similar operation conducted for commercial purposes.

(d) "Council" means the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

(e) "Designated Officer" means the Administrator, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer or any other person appointed by Council to administer and enforce this Bylaw.

(f) "Farm Implement" means any implement, equipment, engine, motor vehicle, machine, attachment or apparatus used or intended for use in an Agricultural Operation.

(g) "Livestock" means livestock as defined in the Municipality's Livestock Bylaw No. 10-2026, as amended from time to time.

(h) "Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.



(i) **"Occupant"** means the owner, tenant, lessee, licensee or any person having possession, care or control of a premises.

(j) **"Oilfield Activity"** means drilling, completion, servicing, hydraulic fracturing, production, maintenance, pipeline construction, compressor stations, temporary work camps, or any related activity associated with petroleum or natural gas exploration, development or production.

(k) **"Outdoor Public Event"** means an outdoor concert, festival, sporting event, community celebration, attraction or similar event, whether held on public or private property, that is open to or attended by members of the public, with or without an admission fee.

(l) **"Portable Sound Equipment"** means any portable stereo, personal stereo, wireless speaker, wired speaker, loudspeaker, amplifier, public address system or other electronic device capable of reproducing or amplifying sound.

(m) **"Premises"** means a parcel of land together with any buildings or structures located on that parcel and includes each dwelling unit within a multi-unit building as a separate premises.

(n) **"Recurring Activity"** means an activity that occurs periodically and has received written approval from the Municipality for specified dates, times, locations, and conditions, but does not create an ongoing exemption from the requirements of this Bylaw.

(o) **"Residential Area"** means lands zoned or designated for residential use, including Hamlets, CR1 Country Residential Districts, CR2 Country Residential Districts, Resort Residential Districts, and any other residential subdivision established under the Municipality's Zoning Bylaw.

(p) **"Unreasonable Noise"** means any sound that, having regard to its volume, intensity, duration, frequency, timing, character or location, would reasonably be expected to disturb, interfere with or diminish another person's peaceful use, enjoyment or occupancy of their property.

In determining whether noise is unreasonable, consideration may be given to:

1. the time of day or night;
2. the duration and frequency of the noise;
3. the proximity to residential dwellings or sleeping accommodations;
4. the zoning and land use of the area where the noise originates and where it is received;
5. whether the noise is continuous, intermittent or impulsive;
6. the nature and purpose of the activity generating the noise;
7. whether reasonable mitigation measures have been implemented; and
8. whether the noise unreasonably interferes with a person's ability to peacefully enjoy their property, including the reasonable expectation of quiet during evening, nighttime and early morning hours.

3. General Prohibition

(a) No person shall make, continue, cause, permit, or allow to be made or continued:

1. Any unreasonably loud, excessive, or disruptive noise; or
2. Any noise that is likely to unreasonably disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of reasonable persons in the vicinity.

(b) In determining whether noise is unreasonable, excessive, or disruptive, consideration may be given to all relevant circumstances, including but not limited to:

1. The proximity of the noise source to residential, commercial, institutional, or recreational uses;

2. The land use designation, zoning, and character of the area where the noise originates and where it is received;
3. The population density and development characteristics of the area, including consideration of differences between hamlet areas, CR1 and CR2 districts, Resort Residential districts, and more sparsely populated rural areas;
4. The time of day or night the noise occurs;
5. The duration and frequency of the noise;
6. The volume, intensity, and nature of the sound;
7. Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or continuous;
8. The nature and purpose of the activity generating the noise;
9. Whether reasonable mitigation measures have been implemented to reduce the impact of the noise; and
10. Whether the activity complies with other applicable municipal bylaws, including the Municipality's Parks Bylaw and any applicable development regulations.

4. Domestic Animals

No person who owns, keeps, houses, harbours, or permits a domestic animal to remain on their property shall allow the animal to create excessive or persistent barking, howling, whining, or other noise that unreasonably disturbs the peace and enjoyment of neighbouring properties.

5. Amplification of Noise

No person shall operate, or permit the operation of, any device, equipment, or machinery used for the production, reproduction, or amplification of sound in a manner that unreasonably disturbs, injures, endangers, or detracts from the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of other persons within the Municipality. This includes, but is not limited to, Portable Sound Equipment, musical instruments, and other sound-producing devices.

6. Motors and Engines

No person shall operate, or permit the operation of, any motor, engine, mechanical equipment, or combustion-powered device in a manner that unreasonably disturbs, injures, endangers, or detracts from the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of other persons within the Municipality.

When considering complaints related to commercial, industrial, agricultural, or oilfield activities, the Municipality may consider:

- a) The location and proximity of the activity to residential development;
- b) The operating hours of the activity;
- c) The nature and necessity of the activity;
- d) Whether reasonable mitigation measures have been implemented, including but not limited to sound barriers, acoustic panels, berms, equipment placement, or other noise reduction measures; and
- e) Compliance with applicable municipal, provincial, and regulatory requirements.

7. Outdoor Public Events

No person shall cause or permit the use or operation of a loudspeaker, amplifier, public address system, portable stereo, personal stereo, wireless speaker, wired speaker, musical instrument, or similar device that produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound at an outdoor public event except during the following permitted hours:

- a) Monday to Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.;
- b) Friday and Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and
- c) Sunday and statutory holidays: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Outdoor public events occurring within municipal parks shall also comply with the Municipality's Parks Bylaw and any applicable park use requirements.

Relationship to Other Approvals

A Temporary Noise Permit issued under this Bylaw does not constitute approval, authorization, or permission under any other municipal, provincial, or federal legislation, regulation, policy, or permitting process.

Approval issued by the Municipality for the purpose of applying for a Special Occasion Permit through the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) does not exempt an applicant from complying with the requirements of this Bylaw.

8. Temporary Noise Permits and Temporary Relaxations

(a) The Municipality may approve a temporary relaxation of the noise restrictions contained within this Bylaw through a Temporary Noise Permit process where the applicant demonstrates that:

1. The event is temporary in nature; The activity or event is temporary or recurring in nature and the requested approval identifies the specific dates, times, location, and conditions applicable to the approval;
2. The anticipated noise impacts are reasonable based on the location, timing, and nature of the event;
3. Appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed; and
4. The event will not create unreasonable impacts on surrounding residents or businesses.

(b) An application for a Temporary Noise Permit shall be submitted to the Municipal Administrator at least 15 business days prior to the proposed event and shall include:

1. The date, time, and location of the event;
2. The expected number of attendees;
3. The type of activities and sound equipment proposed;
4. Proposed mitigation measures;
5. Notification provided to surrounding residents or affected parties; and
6. Any other information reasonably required by the Municipality.

(c) Upon receipt of an application, the Municipality shall review the request based on objective criteria, including:

1. The location and surrounding land uses;
2. Population density and proximity to residential development;
3. Whether the event is located within a hamlet, CR1, CR2, Resort Residential, or rural district;
4. The nature and purpose of the event;
5. The expected duration and timing;
6. The anticipated noise impacts;
7. The applicant's proposed mitigation measures;
8. The history of previous approvals or complaints related to the applicant or location; and
9. Compliance with other applicable municipal bylaws.

(d) The Municipal Administrator may approve routine or lower-impact requests that meet the requirements of this Bylaw. Requests involving extended hours, significant

anticipated impacts, or events occurring in areas with higher population density may be referred to Council for consideration.

(e) Council or the Municipal Administrator may impose reasonable terms and conditions on any Temporary Noise Permit, including:

1. Restricted operating hours;
2. Sound monitoring requirements;
3. Maximum sound levels;
4. Requirements for notification of affected residents;
5. Noise mitigation requirements; or
6. Other conditions deemed necessary to minimize impacts.

(f) A Temporary Noise Permit shall identify the approved event, dates, hours, conditions, and any applicable exemptions from this Bylaw.

(g) Failure to comply with any term or condition of a Temporary Noise Permit shall render the permit invalid and may result in enforcement under this Bylaw.

9. Industrial, Oilfield, and Development Activities

Where industrial, agricultural, commercial, construction, or oilfield activities occur near residential development, the Municipality may consider additional requirements to minimize noise impacts, including:

- a) Installation of sound attenuation measures such as acoustic panels, sound barriers, berms, or fencing;
 - b) Equipment placement or operational changes to reduce impacts on nearby residences;
 - c) Restrictions on hours of operation where reasonable and necessary;
 - d) Noise management plans for larger developments or activities; and
 - e) Other mitigation measures deemed appropriate based on the circumstances.
- The requirements of this section shall be considered alongside applicable development permits, zoning regulations, and other municipal bylaws.

10. Exceptions

The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to:

- a) Emergency warning devices, including the sounding of police whistles, sirens, or other warning devices on vehicles operated by police services, fire departments, ambulance services, or other authorized public service vehicles while acting in the course of their duties;
- b) The use of sound amplification equipment by police services, fire departments, ambulance services, or other authorized public service agencies where such equipment is being used in the performance of their duties;
- c) Noise reasonably generated through the normal carrying out of an Agricultural Operation including the operation of Farm Implements, provided such activities are conducted in accordance with applicable municipal bylaws and provincial regulations;
- d) The use of Audible Bird Scare Devices associated with an Agricultural Operation, provided such devices are operated in accordance with any applicable municipal requirements, guidelines, or conditions established by the Municipality;
- e) Noise generated by livestock as part of a lawful Agricultural Operation;

- f) Work carried out by the Rural Municipality, or its agents, contractors, servants, or employees, while acting within the scope of their authorized responsibilities.

11. Temporary or Recurring Approvals

- a) The Municipality may, through a Temporary Noise Permit, agreement, development approval, or other written authorization permitted under this Bylaw, approve temporary or recurring activities that may otherwise not comply with specific provisions of this Bylaw.
- b) Any approval granted under this section shall apply only to the specific activity, location, dates, duration, and conditions identified within the written authorization.
- c) An approval granted under this section shall not be interpreted as applying to any other activity, event, operation, location, or circumstance, including activities that may appear similar in nature or duration.
- d) Any temporary or recurring approval may include conditions deemed necessary by the Municipality to minimize impacts on surrounding properties, including restrictions related to timing, duration, operating practices, notification requirements, or noise mitigation measures.

12. Enforcement

Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to the penalty provided for in the Municipality's General Penalty Bylaw.

13. Severability

If any provision or portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue to remain in force.

14. Repeal

Bylaw 09-2019 is hereby repealed.

15. Coming Into Force

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon final reading and adoption by Council.

Read a first time this 22 day of July, 2026.

Read a second time this 22 day of July, 2026.

Read a third time this 22 day of July, 2026.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer



Schedule A
BYLAW 13/2026

TEMPORARY NOISE PERMIT APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BRITANNIA NO. 502

The undersigned hereby applies to the Municipal Administrator of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 for consideration of a **Temporary Noise Permit** under Bylaw 13-2026, known as **The Noise Bylaw**.

A Temporary Noise Permit may authorize a specific temporary or recurring activity that would otherwise not comply with certain provisions of the Bylaw. Any approval granted shall apply only to the activity, location, dates, times, and conditions identified in the approved permit and shall not be interpreted as applying to any other similar activity, event, or circumstance.

The undersigned certifies that the information provided in this application is true and accurate and acknowledges that approval of this application is at the discretion of the Municipality and may be subject to conditions.

1. Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

2. Property Owner Information

(Complete if different from Applicant)

Property Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

☐ Property owner has been notified of this application

3. Location of Activity / Event

Legal Land Description:

All/Part _____ ¼ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____ W3 Meridian

LSD(s): _____

Lot(s): _____

Block(s): _____

Municipal Address (if applicable): _____

4. Type and Description of Activity/Event

Type of Activity/Event:

Description of Activity/Event:

Is this a temporary or recurring activity?

- ☐ Temporary Activity/Event
- ☐ Recurring Activity/Event

If recurring, provide details of frequency and proposed dates:

5. Anticipated Attendance and Activity Details

Expected Number of Participants/Attendees:

Hours of Operation/Activity:

Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Date(s) for which approval is requested:

6. Description of Anticipated Noise

Describe the type and source of noise expected, including any equipment, amplification devices, machinery, vehicles, music, speakers, or other noise-producing activities.

7. Noise Mitigation Measures

Describe measures that will be implemented to reduce potential impacts on surrounding properties, including but not limited to:

- ☐ Limiting hours of operation
- ☐ Sound barriers/panels or other noise reduction measures
- ☐ Directional placement of speakers/equipment
- ☐ Notification of nearby residents/businesses
- ☐ Monitoring of noise levels during the activity
- ☐ Other:

8. Person Responsible During Activity/Event

Name of person responsible for compliance with permit conditions:

Mobile Phone Number: _____

9. Notification of Potentially Affected Residents and Businesses

The applicant shall identify nearby residents, businesses, or other affected parties that may experience impacts from the proposed activity.

A list of affected parties, contact information, and a summary of any questions, concerns, or comments received shall be attached to this application.

10. Additional Information

Is the activity associated with an SLGA Special Occasion Permit application?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes: SLGA Applicant Name: _____

Provide any additional information that may assist the Municipality in reviewing this application:

Applicant Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that:

- Approval of this application is not guaranteed;
- The Municipality may impose conditions on any approval granted;
- The approval applies only to the specific activity, location, dates, and conditions identified in the Temporary Noise Permit;
- The approval does not create a permanent exemption or authorization for similar activities in the future; and
- Failure to comply with permit conditions may result in cancellation of the approval and enforcement under Bylaw 13-2026.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Date Application Received: _____

Received By: _____

Application Reviewed By: _____

Decision:

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Approved with Conditions
- ☐ Denied

Permit Conditions Attached: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Council Resolution Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Permit Number: _____ **Date Issued:** _____

