

August 23rd, 2021
Strata Plan 2656
Montebello I

RMOW Mayor & Council

Re: WRC Noise Pollution

Mayor and Council:

We are writing to ask you to intervene regarding a situation with The Beedie Group and the Whistler Racket Club (WRC). Many residents of our neighbourhood are suffering from extreme noise pollution emanating from the WRC from 8:00am to 10pm. We have tried to work with the Beedie Group but they can't or (wont) intervene with their tenant. We have also tried to work with the WRC but they have been completely uncooperative.

The issues are threefold:

1. Loud Music: Often during the day they play loud, amplified music. Several evenings of the week, they have loud live music. We have requested that they turn the music down to a tolerable level but they ignore our requests. We have had to call the RCMP on several occasions (because Bylaw closes at 6:00pm). The WRC has responded to our concerns by turning up the music volume to an extreme level. The thundering bass penetrates our homes even with the windows closed and we have recorded decibel readings of 60-82db in our homes in the early evening with the windows closed.
2. Pickle ball: They have re-purposed the court closest to our dwellings for pickle ball only in spite of our many requests to locate this sport on a court further from our back fence and away from other properties. The din from pickle ball is very disturbing as many players tend to yell and cheer loudly. Now there are up to 16 players on the court instead of 2 or 4 (tennis).
3. Axe throwing: This activity is concerning as the percussions sound like gun shots and are often followed by loud yelling. We have repeatedly asked Beedie and WRC to re-locate the axe throwing further from residences. The requests have been ignored.

We realize the WRC closes by 10pm most days but loud voices and other noises persist, often until 11:00 or later. Our neighbourhood (40 private dwellings) is suffering from the noise pollution day after day. Some neighbours who back onto the Beedie property are particularly under siege and can't even enjoy their back patios due to the din. Our neighbourhood is caught between several forces which are in play here:

First, the Beedie Group wants to impress Whistler as the environmentally responsible developer who is all about good community relations (such as cute dog pictures on Sundays). However, they are happy to ignore the noise pollution generated by their tenant.

Second, The WRC is trying to impress their landlord (Beedie) with their ability to run a recreation facility. So it's no longer a racket club. It has re-invented itself and added axe throwing, kids camps, roller derbies, and a patio bar. All of these new activities have brought the daily noise level to an unacceptable level for their neighbours.

Our neighbourhood is being punished by the lack of resolve on the part of the Beedie Group and the steadfast refusal of the WRC to respect their neighbours. This must end now and we ask the RMOW to assist in bringing some resolution to this issue.

Sincerely,
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