



Noise Exemption Request –
Quality Concrete

Date: September 25, 2025

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Argyle is the community of choice to invest, live and play.

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*Argyle **invests** time & talent in growth opportunities in fishing, tourism, and renewable energy sectors.*

*Argyle provides affordable taxation while providing safe and **livable** communities and strives to engage and inform our residents on decisions that affect them most.*

*Argyle provides high class, accessible recreational and cultural facilities for health and for **play**.*

Background:

Council has received a request from the Plant Manager at Quality Concrete requesting permission to amend the allowable working hours under our Noise Bylaw. As per the Municipality's Noise By-Law #9A, Section 7: "Any person may make application to Council to be granted from exemption from any of the provisions of this by-law with respect to the emission of noise from a residential, industrial, institutional, commercial, or community activity for which that person might otherwise be prosecuted. Council, by resolution, may refuse to grant the exemption or may grant the exemption applied for to any exemption of lesser effect." The reason this exemption is needed is because Dexter Construction is currently constructing the 12 Windmills at the Wedgeport Windfarm site, and they are currently pouring the concrete bases. Each base takes between 15 and 15.5 hours to complete, and cannot be stopped part way through.

Quality Concrete has indicated that they need to start operations at 4 a.m. and they end on or before 8 p.m.

The current noise by-law only allows noise during the following times:

- Weekdays between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Weekends between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Holidays between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Complaints have been received by the councillor of the district, as well as directly by the company, regarding early morning operations, in particular the beeping of trucks while reversing. The company has taken steps to mitigate these concerns by removing backup alarms where possible and limiting early-morning activity to only the essential machinery required.

Section 8 of the by-law provides that, when considering whether to grant an exemption under Section 7, Council shall take into account the social or economic benefit of the proposed activity to the municipality. In this case, the windfarm project represents a significant economic benefit, including local job creation, increased tax revenues, and long-term investment in renewable energy infrastructure. These benefits, alongside the company's efforts to minimize disturbance, should be weighed when making a decision on the exemption.

If the exemption is not granted, the project could face delays, leading to extended timelines and the potential for increased disruption and noise over a longer period. Granting the exemption, however, will allow the company to maintain progress and complete the project more efficiently, thereby reducing the overall duration of impacts on the community. Another consequence of not approving the exemption is that between the early hours of the operation, if there is a noise complaint, the by-law officer will then need to investigate it. Giving this exemption will eliminate that happening.

Suggested motion:

Move to approve a noise exemption request from Quality Concrete to allow Dexter Construction to operate between the hours of 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. until November 30th 2025.