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TO: MEMBERS OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

FROM: W. COOKE, CITY CLERK/DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM REGULATORY BY-LAW 2010-036 – INDOOR GUN RANGE AT 342 KING STREET - WARD 7

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee with information concerning the request for exemption from Regulatory By-law 2010-036 as amended, to permit an Indoor Gun Range at 342 King Street, Barrie.

It is staff's understanding that in order for proponent to submit an application to the Chief Firearms Office of Ontario for an Indoor Gun Range in the City of Barrie, a motion of City Council to provide an exemption from Regulatory By-law 2010-036 as amended, is required.

The Regulatory By-law 2010-036 as amended permits the discharge of Firearms, only in these specific cases under Section 2.0.0.0.0:

- a peace officer discharging a fire arm in the course of carrying out their duties;
- a municipal law enforcement officer in the course of carrying out their duties in destroying an animal;
- a shooting competition or display, provided Council has by resolution, given its consent to the holding of such a competition or display;
- activities carried out at the premises known as the Armouries utilized by the Department of National Defense at 37 Parkside Drive.

Notwithstanding these provisions, a person shall not discharge any firearm, either for gain or in such a manner or in such places as to disturb other persons.

The subject lands are designated General Industrial within the Official Plan and are zoned Light Industrial according to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141 as amended. Staff in the Development Services Department are of the opinion that the proposed use can be defined as a "Recreational Establishment" per the Zoning By-law, so an amendment to the Zoning By-law would not be required.

The Chief Firearms Office of Ontario has very stringent rules and an approval process associated with the establishment of gun ranges and firearms training facilities. Should an exemption be provided, staff in Legislative and Court Services Department require an opportunity to review this matter with the Chief Firearms Office and Barrie Police Service, to fully understand the applicable regulations, the potential alignment of the regulations with City of Barrie by-laws, and associated implications of the proposed Indoor Gun Range. Staff would then report back to General Committee with items including licensing requirements and proposed fees, as well as any potential requirements related to public consultation.



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If Finance and Corporate Services Committee would like to provide an exemption from the Regulatory By-law 2010-036 as amended, the following wording for a motion is provided for consideration:

“That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department be directed to work with the proponent, the Chief Firearms Office of Ontario, and Barrie Police Service to identify applicable regulations, the potential amendments to City of Barrie by-laws that would be required to provide an exemption to allow for an indoor gun range at 342 King Street, as well as implications of the proposed gun range, and report back to General Committee.”