

November 1, 2014

Sheila Kitz
County of St. Paul Administrator

Dear Ms. Kitz:

I am writing this letter in regards to events that have happened in the last few weeks. My husband and I have heard a constant banging sound and high frequency hum since Sept. in the late evening and early morning hours; it would wake us several times during this period. The week before Thanksgiving I called the County concerning the noise because I knew harvest was finished. I asked to speak to someone about this noise and was told the person was on holidays and they gave me Leo deMoissac's cell number, I gave him a call. He told me he would look into the matter. I had figured out that it was the gravel pit on twp 590 west of Rge Rd 95. We would continue to hear the noise at night intermittently until the night of Oct 22 into the morning of Oct. 23. It was extremely loud. I called the RCMP in the morning and was told to call again in the early morning if this happened again. I called the County also and talked to Brian Bepalko. He assured me he would look into it right away and speak to them.

The noise started again Oct. 26 (Fri) night around 11 pm and by 3:30 AM (Oct 27) the noise was a lot louder. I had enough and I got up and called the RCMP, the Constable returned my call out at the site at 4:30 am. Constable David Henry could not believe how loud the noise was and thought my house was right across the street, not 3 miles south on twp 584 and rge rd 100. He also couldn't understand why any of the residents had not called before considering how loud the noise was. I looked up the bylaw on the computer for him as he wanted to know how to write the ticket out for the amount of the fine. The bylaw was vague so he told me to call my councillor and check with them and he would call me back when his shift started the next evening and he would go back and write out the ticket.

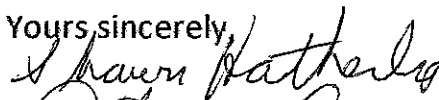
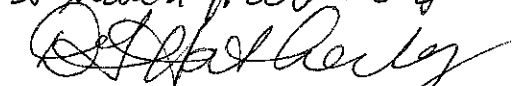
I called Mrs. Fodness and she returned my call with some answers. It didn't state who issues the tickets, so the RCMP couldn't do anything at this time. She

also gave me Tim Mahdiuk's name to follow up. I called Sergeant Daryl McPherson of the RCMP on Tues (Oct 28) who is Constable Henry's supervisor, and he urged me to contact the County. I talked to Mr. Mahdiuk on Oct. 28 and he told me another call about the noise had come to his attention that morning. He also told me that Mr. Bespalko went out on Monday to the gravel pit 5 days after he assured me he would look into it right away on Oct. 25. Mr. Mahdiuk also told me the gravel operation would wrap up on Thurs. Oct. 30 and there would be a few more noisy nights...haven't we all lost enough sleep from this?? I was not happy, I needed my sleep to work, but the County was going to continue to indulge this business.

I was told that the bylaw was going to be reworked and fees changed. I urged Mr. Mahdiuk to increase them enough to speak to the pocket books of businesses. My husband and I have talked to many other people that have been affected by all this noise, but they didn't want to get involved...and in there lies the problem.

I would like you to put this matter on the agenda for the next meeting in November so this matter could be discussed by the Councillors and Reeve further. Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn and Donna-Gayle Hatherly

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Cc Frank Sloan
Cc Laurent Amyotte
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Cc Brian Bespalko