

# Sounds of silence at Tanners?

Unplugged artists, noise mitigation measures and goodwill may be enough to resolve noise complaints from neighbours of Tanners Pub and Grill on Eastern Avenue.

If ratified by Town Council on Tuesday, a compromise deal reached by Tanners' owners, Town staff, area residents and Acton councillors on Tuesday calls for a six-week trial period, from May 21 to July 2, when Tanners

will be allowed to exceed the Town noise bylaw standard of 50-decibels after 11 p.m.

Council recently suggested the community meeting after it deferred voting on Tanners' request for an exemption. Neighbours complain that amplified music from Tanner's patio is an unwarranted intrusion of their right to enjoy their property.

Tanners' owner/operator Andrea Clark and her father Rick Matchett agreed to hire only "unplugged" artists, post signs in the neighbourhood cautioning bar patrons to be quiet, investigate noise abatement measures including insulation and speaker placement. During the trial, neighbour Penny McCabe will monitor the night time noise during weekend entertainment.



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