



COUNCIL AGENDA

November 15, 2023 – 7:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

In-Person Meeting Location: Mulmur Township Offices, located at 758070 2nd Line East

Phone Connection: 1 647 374 4685 Canada / 1 647 558 0588 Canada

Video Connection: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829988171>

Meeting ID: 848 2998 8171

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Recommendation: THAT Council approve the agenda.

4.0 PUBLIC MEETING

4.1 Johny Mikheal- iRadios: Lit Galaxy Festival

5.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

5.1 Confirmatory By-law

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: THAT Council adjourn the meeting at _____ to meet again on Wednesday December 13, 2023 at 9:00 am.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING for Proposed Music Festival



Mulmur Township is seeking community input on the following proposed music festival:

Lit Galaxy Festival
556210 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline
June 28, 29, 30, 2024
Anticipated Attendance: 25,000

Residents and agencies are encouraged to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions, speak to the applicant, as well as provide feedback to Council to assist in their decision making. Written comments are also being accepted and can be submitted to clerk@mulmur.ca prior to 7:00 pm on November 15, 2023.

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Date: Wednesday November 1, 2023

To: Mulmur Council
Township of Mulmur

From: North Dufferin Agriculture and Community Task Force (NDACT)
Carl Cosack
Community Liaison

Re: Lit Galaxy Festival, June 28,29, 30 2024

Thank you for giving NDACT the opportunity to comment on the above captioned festival that is being proposed to Mulmur Council. As one of the main organizers of **Foodstock**, NDACT wishes to submit the following comments and observations regarding the event planned by iRadios for the Canada day long-weekend 2024.

First, the following is some context to the Foodstock event:

- Held the first Saturday after the 2011 Thanksgiving long weekend.
- Foodstock had complete buy-in with active support from the community and over 160 volunteers.
- Foodstock was an 8 hour event.
- It took 500 acres to host the event:
 - The Vander Zaags - 200 acres: the “main event” was held at their bush (the “restaurant trails”) and main stage, with a 100+ acres for Parking
 - The Blacks – 100 acres for Parking
 - The Frenchs – 100 acres for Parking
 - Collectively parking was created for 10,000 cars (expectation of need was 5,000 – 7,500 cars)
- The event involved no alcohol and no drugs (that NDACT was aware of)
- The event required participants to bring their own eating utensil and water bottles and were asked to “leave it as you found it”. This resulted in minimal garbage.
- Emergency Services (OPP, EMS & Fire) were on-site.
- Evacuation Plans and Routes for natural and man-made emergencies were in effect:
 - CTY RD 124 to the north
 - CTY RD 21 to the east & west
 - Third Line north
 - 20th Sideroad east and west
- Speed reductions on County Road 124 were granted with the support of Dufferin County Council

- In spite of significant pre-planning with the OPP, traffic overwhelmed County Road 124 from Shelburne up to Redickville.
- 28,000 people showed up for the event.

NDACT offers the following understanding and comments about the proposed three-day event:

- **25,000 people** are anticipated to attend this event.
- **Approximately 150-acre property.** The property is simply not large enough to host this size of event given guests, campers, day visitors, guest vehicles, food services, parking space, emergency services, port-o-potties, and EDM on multiple stages with a 'lit' forest.
- **The property location** complicates the management of guests and services that will undoubtedly be required. There is only one access/exit route at this property which could easily be blocked. 5 Sideroad is already an emergency bypass for Shelburne – with the traffic expected for this event, this road will likely be blocked for the duration of the event.
- **Road deadlock on the first long weekend of the summer.** Even though it involves about the same number of guests as Foodstock, traffic will simply overwhelm the community at large (via Hwy 89, Hwy 10, County Rd 124) and the local neighborhood (Townline, 5 Sideroad). Add to that volume the increased volume of the long-weekend commuting cottagers will result in all community roads being gridlocked.
- **Should a rain event occur,** everyone will be stuck in the mud in a field and quickly render the 5 Sideroad entrance and route impassable.
- **In case of an emergency - natural or man-made** there is no escape route that could handle a mass evacuation from this site.
- **A specific group of Police, EMS and Fire services** would have to be stationed at the site as traffic would not allow them to respond to a call from outside of the site. These services should be at the producer's cost and not be part of Dufferin's normal service provision to the local community so that it is not left short on that weekend.
- **As part of an emergency plan,** there would likely need to be a helicopter pad located on site, further decreasing the total amount of area for the event.
- a three-day event increases the risk of criminal activity.
- **EDM music, laser shows and fireworks** into the late night will pose issues for our natural environment, livestock, and local residents, who wish not to participate.
- **Shelburne has no hospital or sufficient walk-in clinics** to support the event.
- **Should there be a need to close the intersection of HWY 89 and CTY RD 124 ("No Frills")** there will be no bypass route to the north to accommodate traffic flow as it will already be in high use.
- The event does not support Mulmur's recent **Climate Emergency Declaration**.

NDACT sees this event as the perfect storm of two major traffic events for the Canada Day Long Weekend: Cottage Commuters and Commuters for the iRadio EDM event. The event is a huge

risk to Mulmur and its taxpayers and those of our neighbours: Melancthon, the Town of Shelburne, Dufferin County (CTY Rd 124) and the Province (HWY 89 & 10).

Under Joint and Several Liability, by approving this event, Mulmur and the above-mentioned municipal and provincial associates are at high risk for holding the bag for costs from potential lawsuits resulting from the event – especially should the producer go AWOL.

Should council decide to go ahead with supporting the event, NDACT suggests that at a minimum, council have a bond (value to be determined) paid to Mulmur to finance the clean-up and repair of surrounding municipal roads and a \$20M insurance policy for the Township.

To summarize, this event will completely overwhelm our community, our roads, law enforcement, EMS, and Fire Service; as well as our natural environment and local non-supporters – who will no longer be able to enjoy their long-weekend due to the chaos this event will bring. NDACT strongly encourages council to not support this event.

Thank You,



Carl Cosack
Community Liaison
NDACT

From: [Katelyn Wardlaw](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Planning Dept](#)
Subject: NVCA High Level Comments for iRadio Music Festival (556210 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline) [NVCA File No. 56769]
Date: October 25, 2023 2:46:38 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide preliminary comments on the proposal for the iRadio Music Festival event (Lit Galaxy Festival). It is understood that this proposal will be an outdoor festival event taking place at the rear of the property on 556210 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline.

Ontario Regulation 172/06

From a 'high level' perspective, we can confirm that the northern portion of the site is regulated by the NVCA due to the Boyne River and associated floodplain and erosion hazards. The property is also regulated for unevaluated wetlands and the associated area of interference.

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 172/06 (the Authority's Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation) permits are required from NVCA prior to construction or grading on regulated portions of this property.

We advise that majority of the southern portion of the property is not within:

- a hazardous site (characterized by unstable soils or bedrock);
- an erosion hazard area, or;
- an area subject to this Authority's Development, Interference With Wetlands and Alterations To Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 172/06).
- No Natural Heritage Features present

Natural Hazard Impacts – Regulatory Comments

The proposed development shall be consistent with the following policies within the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS 2020):

SECTION 3.1.1 Development shall generally be directed to areas outside of hazardous lands adjacent to river, stream and small inland lake systems which are impacted by flooding hazards and/or erosion hazards.

SECTION 3.1.2 Policies contained within the PPS prohibit development and site alteration within a floodway regardless of whether the area of inundation contains high points of land not subject to flooding.

NVCA's Planning and Regulations policy and Ontario's Provincial Policy Statement do not support Planning Act applications (such as lot creation and new construction) within areas of Natural Hazards, such as flooding. NVCA's Planning and Regulations guidelines also do not permit development within 30m of a wetland where development could interfere with the hydrologic function of a wetland.

As a site plan is absent at this time, NVCA staff advise that any potential fill requirements, grading, and/or development (ex. Parking, facilities, stage location, etc.) be established and located on a concept plan for future review. NVCA staff advises that any development associated with the festival should be located outside of hazardous lands and outside of the 30m buffer of the unevaluated

wetlands present on site at the rear of the property.

Conclusion

NVCA staff appreciates the opportunity to comment at this stage in the process. These comments should be considered valid at the time of issuance and preliminary in nature. The information presented herein is based on a preliminary overview memo and should not be considered NVCA final comments at this time. We will require additional information (full application submission) in order to complete our review and additional comments may be provided in the future. The NVCA may at any point change our comments should new information become available which raises concerns pertaining to the NVCA core mandate.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Kindly,

Katelyn Wardlaw (she/her/hers)
Planner I

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Roseann Knechtel

From: Fay Maclachlan
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 5:06 PM
To: Info <info@mulmur.ca>
Subject: Lit Festival 2024: BEWARE IT IS A SCAM

Hello,

I am a resident of Mulmur and want to share information about Johnny Mikhael, iRadios, who is proposing a "Lit Festival" in 2024 in Dufferin County.

I am sharing this information (below) which I found on Google, in a 5 minute general search.

It would appear that Mr. Mikhael is a known scammer, operating under the company names Genesis Vue and iRadios. He submitted the application on iRadios letterhead, which I found on the application on the Township of Mulmur website.

Please review the links below, along with the attached files, and you will see that the evidence of this farcical proposal for a 3 Day Festival all comes together very quickly.

LINKS - Johnny Mikhael:

<https://www.ripoffreport.com/report/genesis-vue/vaughan-ontario-johnny-mikhael-1488207>

<https://ca.linkedin.com/in/johnny-mikhael-775b8978>

Please, don't waste the Township and its Residents' time and resources with the scheduled meeting in November to discuss this bogus "festival" being pitched by Mr Mikhael. You may want due diligence to investigate this information before engaging any further with this individual.

I look forward to your response to the information I have provided for your review and consideration. I simply want to protect the Township and all the great people who live here.

Kind regards,

Fay Maclachlan



Johnny Mikhael

CEO at iRadios

Concord, Ontario, Canada

1K followers · 500+ connections



iRadios Productions



Devry Institute of Technology



See your mutual connections

Join to view profile

About

Johnny then opened a studio production company and moved into Movie and TV productions.

For the last 4 years he has been operating iRadios productions, which has 9 radio stations and 7 television stations. Johnny has also been operating Genesis Vue which does video productions for realtors for the past 7 years.

Johnny Mikhael began his professional career as an Electronic Technologist, initially employed for 10 years at Celestica Inc. (an IBM company), where he worked in new production development building prototype technologies for Sun Microsystems. Following this, for 7 years Johnny was the District Manager for 18 Rogers telecom retail outlets, where he gained valuable experience in sales and building meaningful relationships (business to business and personal).

Activity



A trailblazing maverick of a pilot... and Tom Cruise ✨
Maya Ghazal was the first Syrian refugee woman to become a pilot. Her message: the sky is...

Liked by Johnny Mikhael



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Liked by Johny Mikhael

Experience



CEO

iRadios Productions

Jun 2018 - Present · 5 years 5 months

Toronto, Canada Area

Multi-language radio station based out of Toronto Ontario Canada.



CEO

Genesis Vue Productions

Jan 2016 - Present · 7 years 10 months

Greater Toronto Area, Canada

Real estate media production specializing in photography, videography, aerial drone and 360 virtual tours.

Education



Devry Institute of Technology

Engineer's degree · Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering
Technology/Technician



Humber

Engineer's degree · Sound Engineer



SAP Canada Inc.

Foundation degree · Quality Management, Materials Management and Production Planning



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iRadios Inc.
5 Buttermill Ave
Vaughan ON L4K-0J5
416-300-0484
iRadiosproductions.com

To whom it may concern,

My name is Johny Mikhael and my production company, iRadios, is putting together an amazing event called Lit Galaxy Festival. Lit Galaxy Festival will be a Canada Day outdoor festival, featuring music, art, and activities. The purpose of the festival is to capture the hearts, minds, and souls of our guests through the different art forms and food. We would like to notify you of this event in advance. It is a temporary event that we hope to launch on Canada Day weekend 2024. It will take place in the back of John Beattie's land which is located at 556210 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline, Mulmur, ON.

- Event Dates June 28 ,29,30 2024
- Anticipated attendance 5000 to 25000
- Event starts 10 am until 12 midnight

Thank you very much for your help and support.

Johny Mikhael iRadios Inc. CEO Festival Producer 416-500-0673



TO: Mulmur Council

CC: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EVENT IN JUNE 2024

I am planning to attend the public meeting regarding the proposed concert, camping, etc. etc. event in late June, 2024. As I have been preparing to raise my many issues regarding this plan, I felt it would be helpful to document my concerns in advance of the November 15th meeting. None of this will be new for the Council or the other citizens who attend the meeting, but this summary can hopefully help as we prepare for the session.

Mulmur has had a long history of dealing with music type events, and fortunately, in recent years, Council has been able to stop such proposals, the most recent one quite recently. It is always surprising to me that promoters have targeted Mulmur for such events, although I can understand the desire to take advantage of our rural beauty, as well as the existence of open spaces suitable for such events. I have also assumed that promoters for such events select Mulmur because they are finding it ever more difficult to identify landowners and communities that are ready to accept these affairs. Whatever their reasoning, it is the important task of the Mulmur Council to again say “no” to this proposal.

At the upcoming meeting I’m sure you will hear the many issues that such huge event poses. I was somewhat surprised when I noted the scale of the event. 25,000 expected participants paying at least \$450 each for admission. (My somewhat feeble math abilities came up with a total cash intake, if these numbers are met, of over \$11 million.)

As I have discussed this with various neighbours, it is not difficult to identify the many problems posed by this proposal. And my first concern is that the promoters are advertising as if this whole event was a fait accompli. It is pretty audacious to invite 25,000 people to an event which has no local approval, and which is unlikely to gain that approval. I expect that one of the justifications we will hear is that there are already thousands of people already planning to participate and how could we disappoint all of them. And, with the amounts of money involved here, it is not difficult to think of steps the proponents could take to pressure for approval.

An initial list of concerns would be as follows:

NOISE: How could such an event comply with Mulmur’s noise By Law which has set down significant limitations on large events? As I remember, multi-attendee outdoor events, with the exception of weddings, requires Council approval as well as full compliance with noise regulations. In this quiet environment noise travels long distances, which explains why Council has been attentive to noise issues.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: Mulmur has often dealt with concerns about traffic and parking on our roads. I expect that the organizers of the event will have off-road parking, but I would expect overflow to be found on our roads. Additionally, the roads involved are not paved and feature intersections on to major highways which require significant care. I would doubt any plan proposed to manage the in and outs of the event, on a pretty much ongoing basis over the three days planned for the event.

POLICING: At current levels of staffing the OPP faces many challenges in dealing with already existing road use and safety issues. Mulmur has become a motor cycle attraction with intolerable noise levels being a normal feature of weekend life. Speeding on all of our roads is an ongoing problem. And, of course, the question of alcohol and drug use at such events is a well known issue, and can cause significant problems both on the site of the event and on surrounding roads. I am sure that event organizers will make attempts with hired security guards to police and control these types of issues, but I would expect that there will be significant policing demands which would weigh heavily on an already overloaded local police force.

LIMITED LOCAL BENEFITS: The publicity for this event makes the point that there will be a large number of vendors, food outlets etc. at the event. There is likely to be some overflow into local communities, but probably not significant amounts as most needs will be met on site, or, brought in by participants.

SUMMARY: These are a few of the concerns I have about big disruptive events in our community. I'm sure that Council will hear about many other issues from citizens. At the same time there are even more significant deeper concerns.

- All of our strategic statements over the years focus on preserving our rural environment. For the most part, that is what people who live here want to preserve, and an important reason why people move here. Our trails and small communities attract people searching for peace, quiet and the beauty of nature. 25,000 attendee events don't enhance our rural world.

- It is important to remember that if one such event is approved, especially one of this scale, it will set a precedent for the future, providing major justification for any group planning an large entertainment event.

- At the heart of all these concerns is the question: what is the benefit of such an event to Mulmur, its citizens, its Council, or its usual visitors?

I appreciate that Council is giving members of our community the opportunity to provide input to their decision on this important issue.

Don MacFarlane

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From: Karen Scully
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 1:38 PM
To: Info <info@mulmur.ca>
Subject: Fw: October Mulmur Matters

Please be careful on this music festival. More in this article what happened in Clearview.

https://www.simcoe.com/news/three-years-later-what-happened-in-the-wake-of-roxodus-music-festival/article_0bb5fcea-f086-5a57-a967-0a6b2e52b04f.html



[Three years later, what happened in the wake of Roxodus music festival?](https://www.simcoe.com/news/three-years-later-what-happened-in-the-wake-of-roxodus-music-festival/article_0bb5fcea-f086-5a57-a967-0a6b2e52b04f.html)

More than three years after an outdoor rock festival that was to feature the likes of Aerosmith and Kid Rock was abruptly cancelled, the fallout continues in the courtroom.

www.simcoe.com

Karen



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

BY-LAW NO. 33 - 2023

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR FOR
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

WHEREAS Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All actions of the Council and Committees of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for the aforementioned date in respect to every report, motion, by-law or other action passed and taken by Council or Committees of Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Mayor of the Township and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

PASSED on this 15th day of NOVEMBER 2023.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK