

**To:** Her Worship Mayor Kate Rogers and Members of City Council

**From:** **Connie Nichol – Recreation Coordinator, Recreation, Culture and Community Development**

**Date:** 16/09/2022

**Title:** Illuminate Arts Festival Fredericton

**Description:** Illuminate Arts Festival is a free outdoor event highlighting art and performance, from dusk to dawn, on unceded Wolastoqey Territory in Fredericton, NB. Guided by a festival map, visitors can explore the City of Fredericton in a new light, experiencing an array of pop-up art installations, performances, interactive art displays, and more. Illuminate shines a light on a diversity of lived experiences, narratives, and ideas through public art and performance. Illuminate is designed to create unique and accessible opportunities for audiences to interact with contemporary art inspired by the global phenomenon Nuit Blanche. The inaugural edition of Illuminate is funded in part by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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**Requested By:** Amelia Thorpe – Chair Illuminate Arts Festival

**Event:** Illuminate Arts Festival Fredericton

**Purpose:** Illuminate Arts Festival is an open-air free night event that will include installations around the downtown area and along the green. There will be approximately 15 outdoor interactive installations and 5 indoor installations. All the installations are interactive engagement through art in the form of music, performances, and participative art. All the installations include lighting are based upon Nuit Blanche where light is involved in all forms of art. Participants will receive a map of the Installations to be visited between 6pm and 3am which will guide them along the streets of downtown Fredericton. This festival is for people of all ages and promises to be a wonderful cultural experience. If visits to the installations start to decline after 1am, they will close the exhibits. There is one installation that will be in Barracks Square that will be a musical experience in the form of a Dome. This Dome will hold about 10 people at a time. Due to the music noise level, Illuminate Arts Festival is requesting to grant them an exemption from By-Law No. S-17, A By-Law Respecting Disturbance by Noise allowing the event to continue until 3 a.m. However, noise experience in the Dome will be significantly reduced

at 1 a.m. until 3 a.m. to an experience where you must be up close and personal. This Installation involves light and music and for small crowds up to 10 people at a time.

<https://illuminateartsfestival.com/>

**Date and Time:** Saturday October 2 from 6:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended that City Council adopt the following resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby grants Illuminate Arts Festival an exemption to By-law No. S-17, A By-law Respecting Disturbance by Noise, Section 5.01(6) for events occurring as part of the Illuminate Arts Festival at Barracks Square on Saturday October 1, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 3 a.m. subject to all recommendation from City Staff being met.**

**Submitted by:** Connie Nichol – Recreation Coordinator

**Approved by:** David Seabrook – Director Recreation, Tourism & Community Engagement