OBJECTIVE:
To seek approval to issue a Motor Vehicle Racing Licence for the 2017 season, and a Motor Vehicle Racing Event Licence for the Late Model Summer Shootout, to Jukasa Motor Speedway.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. THAT Report CS-CL-05-2017 Jukasa Motor Speedway Licence Issuance be received;
2. AND THAT, in accordance with By-law 1360/13, a Licence for a Motor Vehicle Racing Business be issued to Jukasa Motor Speedway (2486975 Ontario Inc.), 901 Haldimand Road 20, Hagersville, ON;
3. AND THAT, in accordance with By-law 1361/13, a Motor Vehicle Racing Event Licence be issued to Jukasa Motor Speedway (2486975 Ontario Inc.) for the Jukasa Motor Speedway Late Model Summer Shootout to be held on August 26 and 27, 2017, subject to the following conditions:
   a. THAT the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide sign-off, prior to the event, confirming that the required number of paid-duty officers has been secured to provide traffic control as noted in the approved traffic control plan;
   b. THAT written confirmation of the number of private security persons hired, along with their credentials and the hours they will be present, be provided to the Clerk, a minimum of 7 calendar days prior to the event;
   c. THAT the maximum allowable sound level for the racetrack be limited to 102 dBA at 30 metres, and that prior to entering the racetrack, each vehicle be tested to ensure that it adheres to a maximum sound level of 102 dBA at 30 metres;
   d. THAT no testing or racing of vehicles occur before 9:00 a.m.;
   e. THAT all race events end by 6:00 p.m.;
   f. THAT the maximum allowable sound level for music played be limited to 85 dBA at 30m distance from the stage;
   g. THAT no music be permitted prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m.;
   h. THAT the services of an independent licensed engineer specializing in acoustics be procured by the applicant to:
      i. monitor sound levels to ensure that condition 3 c. and 3 f. above are adhered to, and
      ii. collect sound level data from specific reception points on the event site as determined by the Manager, Building Controls and By-law Enforcement for establishing sound level criteria for future events;
      iii. provide the sound level data collected during the licensed event to the Manager, Building Controls and By-law Enforcement within 60 days following the event;
i. THAT final approvals from the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit related to the Food Premises and Small Drinking Water Systems regulations are obtained; and
j. THAT a seasonal burn permit be obtained from Haldimand County in order to permit the setting of campfires within the designated campground area.

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Approved: Donald G. Boyle, Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

An application for a licence to run a motor vehicle racing event at 901 Haldimand Road 20 (formerly known as Cayuga Speedway) represents a return to an activity that was prevalent for decades up until the last race held on the site in 2009. As the current owner has submitted an application for one major event in 2017, the County has the opportunity to put parameters in place that align with current by-laws, aimed at protecting the safety and security of participants and local residents. In order to evaluate future activity on the site, the experience with this one 2017 event will provide a benchmark for County staff in terms of noise monitoring, traffic control, and other potential mitigation strategies.

BACKGROUND:

Haldimand County licenses multiple types of motor vehicle racing – formula track, oval track and straight line track racing. The property, formerly know as Cayuga Speedway, operated an oval track for decades, but last applied for a licence to operate in 2009. Since that time, the track has been dormant, except for a stand-alone event – Lachie Music Festival – which was licensed as a Public Entertainment Event on the site in 2014, subject to a Temporary Use By-law being enacted for the event.

The property has recently changed ownership and the new owner, operating as Jukasa Motor Speedway, is now interested in reviving activity at the site. Accordingly, the owner has submitted an application to operate a motor vehicle racing business, and an application to hold a Motor Vehicle Racing Event in August 2017. (In order to procure a Motor Vehicle Racing Event licence, the applicant must be licensed to operate a Motor Vehicle Business.)

As the application to operate the motor vehicle racing business is being submitted by a new applicant, a licence to operate must be approved by Council. If a licence to operate the business is granted, and future years’ renewal applications are submitted with no material changes, staff will be able to issue renewal licences. Should future years’ operations involve material changes to the operation, Council’s approval will be sought for the issuance of those licences.

ANALYSIS:

The facility, formerly named Cayuga Speedway, is now under new ownership and is operating as Jukasa Motor Speedway. The new owner plans to run an inaugural racing event on August 26 and 27, 2017 called Late Model Summer Shootout. It is anticipated that the maximum number of attendees for the event is 6,000 people. Practice and qualifying sessions will be held on Saturday, August 26th and the main races will occur on Sunday, August 27th.

In order to operate motor vehicle racing in Haldimand County, a business licence must be procured as outlined in By-law 1360/13 – the Motor Vehicle Racing By-law. In addition, in order to host an event
other than a weekly racing program, which is advertised and open to the public, a Motor Vehicle Racing Event Licence is required, as outlined in By-law 1361/13. Therefore, in order to run the planned motor vehicle racing event at the end of August, two licences are required.

As both licensing by-laws cover multiple areas of approval, each area is outlined in separate sections below, with comments related to each by-law, where relevant. (The application forms are not attached to this report but are available for review in the Clerks Division along with the extensive amount of supporting documentation.)

Site Plan/Plan of Premises
The proponent submitted a site plan that represents existing site conditions and does not include any change to the use or areal extent of the site. The Planning and Development Division has provided written approval, in support of the operation of a motor vehicle business. Building Controls and By-law Enforcement staff have indicated that the property conforms to zoning.

The plan of the premises for the Motor Vehicle Racing Event indicates entry and exit points, parking and internal roadways, sanitary facilities, audience areas, campground areas, and areas where performances are to be staged (in the campground area only). The applicant is intending to erect tents for the Event, and will procure the relevant building permits closer to the date of the event. Final inspection of the tents will be done upon completion to ensure conformity to the Ontario Building Code.

Emergency Services
An Emergency Plan has been submitted, and after reviewing the site plan and emergency plan, the Manager, Emergency Services/Fire Chief has indicated that the requirements have been fulfilled. Additional private ambulance services have been procured to respond to any medical incidents at the event, and the local hospital has been put on alert and advised of the dates and expected attendance for the event.

In order to meet the requirements of the County’s Open Air Burning By-law, a seasonal burn permit will be required in order to permit the setting of campfires at the campground area on site.

Roads/Traffic
A traffic plan has been submitted to Roads Operations staff indicating entrances and exits, parking spaces and mitigation for peak rush times entering and exiting the site.

Although the event takes place on August 26 and 27, 2017, attendees will be permitted to arrive at the campground on site starting on the evening of August 24th. This staggered entry should mitigate potential traffic congestion entering the site on August 26th and 27th. Paid duty OPP officers will be required to assist with rush traffic on Sunday morning and Sunday evening, after the conclusion of the event. Information gained from this event will assist in preparing a more formal traffic control plan for future events.

Noise Study
The applicant hired J. E. Coulter Associates Ltd. to complete a noise study for the purposes of complying with the Motor Vehicle Racing Event Licence application. The noise study outlines the expected and allowable noise levels for the racing event. The conditions outlined as part of the licence approval take into account recommendations made by the engineer.

There will be live entertainment provided for the campers on Saturday evening, and the engineer made recommendations on the maximum sound level for the music. There will be no public access to this entertainment.
It is noted that this proposed event can provide a baseline for municipally regulated noise levels and identify sound mitigation requirements for any future events, and as such, one of the required conditions is for the applicant to hire an independent acoustical engineer who will collect sound level data from certain points on the event site, which will then be provided to the Manager, Building Controls and By-law Enforcement for future reference.

**Insurance**

Jukasa Motor Speedway has liability insurance coverage of $5,000,000, naming Haldimand County as an additional insured. This coverage exceeds the requirements of both by-laws (requiring coverage of $2,000,000), and aligns with what was required for the Lachie Music Festival in 2014.

**Security**

The applicant has provided the County with a security plan that was developed in order to ensure that the proposed event is a safe and secure event for all attendees, participants, volunteers and employees. There will be a security check at all entry points to the site, and parking attendants will also visually inspect all vehicles leaving the site. As it is anticipated that campers may start arriving as early as Thursday, August 24th, security will be on site from this time onwards. The security plan addresses potential security needs and has been approved by Haldimand County OPP, subject to confirmation of paid duty assignments for the event for safe and efficient dispersal of traffic. Receipt of this confirmation from the OPP is one of the conditions included in the Recommendations section of this report. Written confirmation of the number of private security persons hired, along with their credentials and the hours they will be present, will also be included as a condition on the licence.

**Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit**

Jukasa Motor Speedway staff have been working with the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit (HNHU) to ensure that they comply with legislation and regulations related to drinking water and food premises. The owner is currently updating their drinking water system in accordance with HNHU recommendations. HNHU inspectors will inspect the facility closer to the event to ensure that the Speedway is in compliance with the provincial Food Premises Regulation and the Small Drinking Water Systems Regulation prior to giving final approval for operation of the site.

**Liquor Sales**

Jukasa Motor Speedway has a Liquor Sales Licence for the sale and service of spirits, beer and wine that is in effect until May, 2019.

**Tourism**

An event of this size will bring a number of tourists into Haldimand County, some likely for the first time. Although many services will be available on site, the large number of expected attendees will likely have a positive effect on the local economy.

**FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The approved fee for applying for the Motor Vehicle Racing Business licence is $2,341.00 and the approved fee for applying for a Motor Vehicle Racing Event licence is $747.00. Both fees have been paid in full by the applicant.
STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:
The applicant has provided staff with a copy of a letter that was distributed to surrounding residents on April 20, 2017 noting the planned events for August of this year. Staff have also been advised that the owner intends to invite local residents to an open house in early July, once remediation of the track and facilities is complete. Upon finalization of this report, a copy will be provided to surrounding residents, advising them of this report being considered at the May 30, 2017 Council in Committee meeting.

A number of staff across multiple divisions have been involved with the approvals process for the licensing addressed in this report: Emergency Services, Roads, Planning and Development, Building and By-law Enforcement, Economic Development and Tourism, and Clerks. Also, the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit and Ontario Provincial Police have been involved.

REPORT IMPACTS:
Agreement: No
By-law: No
Budget Amendment: No
Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:
None.