

REPORT

Climate Action, Planning and Development

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
Date: January 30, 2023

From: Jackie Teed,
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Item #: 2023-24

Subject: **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 330 East Columbia Street (Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment Project)**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant a noise exemption to EllisDon Design Build from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 8 PM to 11 PM an average of 3 times per month between Monday to Friday starting February 1st, 2023, to October 31st, 2023 and 7 AM to 9 AM on Saturdays starting May 6th, 2023 to May 4th, 2024 (excluding Sundays, Statutory Holidays) to pour and surface concrete slabs on the Royal Columbian Hospital site at 330 East Columbia Street, New Westminster.

PURPOSE

To request that Council grant an exemption from the Construction Noise Bylaw to EllisDon Design Build from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to enable the specialized concrete slab surface finishing to meet operational specifications in the facility within the ongoing construction of the Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment Project at 330 East Columbia Street, New Westminster.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City staff consider an exemption of the Construction Noise Bylaw to be reasonable for the following three reasons:

1. Given that this is multiple phases of the construction project;
2. Given the limited weather window to complete the work;

3. Given expected low noise impacts, and
4. Given that a shorter Columbia Street closure duration would lessen impacts to neighbouring businesses and residents.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial impact to the City is anticipated by granting the exemption. If the exemption is not granted, the project will likely be delayed which may result in financial impacts for the applicant.

OPTIONS

There are two options to consider:

1. That Council grant a noise exemption to EllisDon Design Build from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 8 PM to 11 PM an average of 3 times per month between Monday to Friday starting February 1st, 2023, to October 31st, 2023 and 7 AM to 9 AM on Saturdays starting May 6th, 2023 to May 4th, 2024 (excluding Sundays, Statutory Holidays) to pour and surface concrete slabs on the Royal Columbian Hospital site at 330 East Columbia Street, New Westminster.
2. That Council provide staff with alternative direction.

Staff recommend Option 1.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Notification to Immediate Neighbourhood

Appendix B: Area of Construction Work

APPROVALS

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