

REPORT

Climate Action, Planning and Development

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
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Item #: 2023-187

Subject: Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 1031 Quebec Street, New Westminister – Metro Vancouver Annacis Water Supply Tunnel, Fraser River Crossing

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant an exemption to Metro Vancouver contractor Traylor Aecon General Partnership (TAGP) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992, from May 01, 2023 to September 30, 2023, and from January 01, 2024 to February 28, 2024 on week days from 8 PM to 11 PM and Saturdays from 7 AM to 9 AM and 6 PM to 9 PM, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, to construct the Annacis Water Supply Tunnel, Fraser River Crossing (the “Project”).

PURPOSE

To request that Council grant an exemption from the Construction Noise Bylaw for Metro Vancouver’s contractor TAGP to construct the Project, involving installing a new water main, which will increase the reliability of clean water supply to Surrey and other municipalities in the Lower Mainland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

1. Given that the scale of the concrete placement must be continuous to maintain the quality of the project;
2. Given the limited operational window to complete the work;
3. Given expected low noise impacts, and minimum traffic delay; and
4. Given the importance of essential infrastructure upgrades that are necessary to supply the region with high quality, potable water.

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 an exemption to Metro Vancouver contractor Traylor Aecon General Partnership (TAGP) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992, from May 01, 2023 to September 30, 2023 and from January 01, 2024 to February 28, 2024 on week days from 8 PM to 11 PM and Saturdays from 7 AM to 9 AM and 6 PM to 9 PM, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays to construct the Annacis Water Supply Tunnel, Fraser River Crossing (the "Project").
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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