

REPORT

Climate Action, Planning and Development

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
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Item #: 2023-189

Subject: **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: Columbia Street at 8th Street (New Westminster SkyTrain Station)**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant a noise exemption to TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 10 PM to 7 AM starting May 1st, 2023, to October 31st, 2023 including Saturdays and intermittent Sundays, but excluding Statutory Holidays, to install new maintenance walkways, demolish and restore original walkways and make operational equipment modifications to the New Westminster SkyTrain station.

PURPOSE

To request that Council grant an exemption to TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to enable the modification and reinstallation or maintenance of walkways in preparation for the activation of longer trains to accommodate more ridership.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

1. Given that SkyTrain is a key transportation system linking riders from New Westminster to multiple business centers.
2. Given that SkyTrain operational constraints dictate construction must occur during nighttime hours; and
3. Given that increased ridership demands larger trains requiring modified infrastructure.

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 TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 10 PM to 7 AM starting May 1st, 2023, to October 31st, 2023 including Saturdays and intermittent Sundays, but excluding Statutory Holidays, to install new maintenance walkways, demolish and restore original walkways and make operational equipment modifications to the New Westminster SkyTrain station.
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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