

REPORT

Climate Action, Planning and Development

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
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Item #: 2023-500

Subject: **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption: 651 Carnarvon Street
(Provincial Courthouse)**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant a noise exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992, to Signia Construction Ltd. from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Saturday nights and Statutory Holidays, but including alternating Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for the purposes of re-roofing and adding insulation and cladding to the exterior of the Provincial Courthouse from August 1, 2023, to November 1, 2023.

PURPOSE

To request that Council grant another exemption to Signia Construction Ltd from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to repair the deteriorating roof and to install exterior insulation and cladding which will increase energy efficiency of the envelope. The contractor proposes to work concurrently on multiple elevations, different stages of the project and multiple sides of the building. Of note, the construction is anticipated to occur within 100 meters of more than 400 residential units for a period of up to 18 months.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

1. Given that the Provincial Courthouse is aging and is in need of immediate repair;
2. Given that construction activity must occur after business hours;
3. Given that quiet interior work will be conducted between 9 pm and 11 pm; and
4. Given that New Westminster is committed to reducing greenhouse gases.

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 from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992, to Signia Construction Ltd. from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Saturday nights and Statutory Holidays, but including alternating Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for the purposes of re-roofing and adding insulation and cladding to the exterior of the Provincial Courthouse from August 1, 2023, to November 1, 2023.
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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