

## **REPORT**

### ***Climate Action, Planning and Development***

**To:** Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council  
**Date:** October 16, 2023

**From:** Jackie Teed,  
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**Item #:** 2023-661

**Subject:** **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 1031 Quebec Street, New Westminster – Metro Vancouver Annacis Water Supply Tunnel, Fraser River Crossing (the “Project”)**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council hereby grants an exemption to Metro Vancouver contractor Traylor Aecon General Partnership (TAGP) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992, from October 16, 2023 to December 21, 2023, and from March 1, 2024 to May 31, 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”).

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#### **PURPOSE**

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

#### **DISCUSSION**

On March 27, 2023 Council passed the following resolution:

*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 weekdays from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, to construct the Annacis Water Supply Tunnel, Fraser River Crossing (the "Project").*

The exemption request was to enable Metro Vancouver's contractor to install a new water main for the purpose of increasing the reliability of the clean water supply to Surrey and other municipalities in the Lower Mainland.

The work was delayed due to required equipment not arriving in a timely manner and unanticipated complications of the scope of work. This has resulted in the project taking longer than expected and a later completion date.

To ensure the work is completed within the new amended timelines, the contractor is requesting an extension of the original approved exemption granted by Council on March 27, 2023. The new extension will cover the period of October 16, 2023 to December 21, 2023 and add an additional three months starting February 28, 2024 to May 31, 2024. If this extension is granted, Metro Van will send notification to neighbouring residents. See Appendix A and B.

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

1. the scale of the concrete placement must be continuous to maintain the quality of the project;
2. the limited operational window to complete the work;
3. the expected low noise impacts, and minimum traffic delay; and
4. 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 hereby grants an exemption to Metro Vancouver contractor Traylor Aecon General Partnership (TAGP) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992, from October 16, 2023 to December 21, 2023 and from March 1, 2024 to May 31, 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: Sample of Previous Notification to Immediate Neighbourhood

Appendix B: Sample of Notification Area Surrounding Area of Construction

### **APPROVALS**

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