

# REPORT

## *Planning and Development*

**To:** Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council  
**Date:** August 26, 2024

**From:** Rupinder Basi, Acting Director,  
Planning and Development  
**File:** 2024-467  
**Item #:**

**Subject:** **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 32 Eighth Street (New Westminster SkyTrain Station) - TransLink**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to TransLink for the period of Tuesday, August 27, 2024 to Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 12:00 AM to 7:00 AM, weekdays and including some Sundays and excluding all statutory holidays, to demolish original maintenance walkways, install new maintenance walkways, and make operational equipment modifications to the New Westminster SkyTrain Station located at 32 Eighth Street.

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to TransLink to enable the demolition, modification, and installation of maintenance walkways at the New Westminster SkyTrain Station in preparation for the activation of longer trains to accommodate more ridership.

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 11, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

***THAT*** Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to TransLink from 12 AM to 7 AM from Tuesday March 12, 2024 to Thursday August 1, 2024 including ten Sundays and excluding all Statutory Holidays, to demolish original maintenance walkways, install new maintenance walkways, and make operational equipment modifications to the New Westminster SkyTrain Station located at 32 Eighth Street.

The work has been delayed due to: challenges in staffing (Translink requires specialized personnel on the energized rail); unexpected longer lead times for critical materials; and some developments and installations taking longer than expected. As a result, the work has not been completed in the anticipated timeline and Translink is seeking a four (4) month extension to the above-noted exemption.

**ANALYSIS, DISCUSSION, AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All details regarding the work can be found in the March 11, 2024 Council report attached as Appendix A. The proposed work, the tools, equipment, methodology, impact to the neighbourhood, and notification information are the same but with updated dates. Disregard any references to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street SkyTrain Station as that work has been completed.

**OPTIONS**

There are two options to consider:

- 1. That Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to TransLink for the period of Tuesday, August 27, 2024 to Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 12:00 AM to 7:00 AM, weekdays and including some Sundays and excluding all statutory holidays, to demolish original maintenance walkways, install new maintenance walkways, and make operational equipment modifications to the New Westminster SkyTrain Station located at 32 Eighth Street.
- 2. That Council provide staff with alternative direction.

Staff recommend Option 1.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Report to Council dated March 11, 2024

**APPROVALS**

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