

REPORT

Planning and Development

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
Date: September 9, 2024

From: Jackie Teed, Director,
Planning and Development
File: #2554363

Item #: 2024-496

Subject: **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 220 Salter Street
(Metro Vancouver Sewer Inspection – Fraser River Crossing Project)**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant an exemption from *Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992* to Metro Vancouver's contractor AquaCoustic Remote Technologies Inc. for two weeknights between Tuesday, September 24, 2024 and Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays to perform overnight video and sonar inspections of the sewer lines at 220 Salter Street.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to Metro Vancouver's contractor AquaCoustic Remote Technologies Inc. to perform preventative maintenance of the sewer lines at 220 Salter Street.

BACKGROUND

On May 6, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council grant an exemption from *Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992* to Metro Vancouver contractor AquaCoustic Remote Technologies Inc. for two weeknights from Tuesday, May 21, 2024 to Friday, May 31, 2024 from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory holidays to perform overnight video and sonar inspections of the sewer lines at 220 Salter Street.

Unfortunately, due to high winds and heavy rainfall, the work was not performed as intended.

On July 8, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

***THAT** Council grant an exemption from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to Metro Vancouver’s contractor AquaCoustic Remote Technologies Inc. for two weeknights between Wednesday, July 17, 2024 to Wednesday July 31, 2024 from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM excluding Saturdays and Sundays to perform overnight video and sonar inspections of the sewer lines at 220 Salter Street.*

Due to staffing issues with surveys and the necessity to prioritize emergency work on another project, maintenance at 220 Salter Street was not completed as intended.

This is exemption request is Metro Vancouver’s third attempt to perform the work and is for the period between Tuesday September 24, 2024 and Thursday October 24, 2024.

ANALYSIS, DISCUSSION and FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All details regarding the work can be found in the May 6, 2024 Council report attached as Appendix A. The proposed work, the tools, equipment, methodology, impact to the neighborhood, and notification information are the same. The only change is the period of time requested for the exemption. An updated sample of notification to the neighborhood can be found in Appendix B.

OPTIONS

There are two options to consider:

1. That Council grant an exemption from *Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992* to Metro Vancouver’s contractor AquaCoustic Remote Technologies Inc. for two weeknights between Tuesday, September 24, 2024 and Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays to perform overnight video and sonar inspections of the sewer lines at 220 Salter Street.
2. That Council provide staff with alternative direction.

Staff recommend Option 1.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Report to Council Dated May 6, 2024.
- Appendix B: Notification to the Neighbourhood

APPROVALS

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