

REPORT

Climate Action, Planning and Development and Engineering Services

To: Mayor Cote and Members of Council **Date:** May 30, 2022

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Item #: 2022-390

Subject: **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: New Westminster
Interceptor – Columbia Sewer Rehabilitation**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant an exemption to Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada (ORCC) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 for two nights per week between Wednesday June 1, 2022 and Wednesday November 30, 2022, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, to conduct maintenance of the existing sewer, slip-lining, excavation, and installation of new sewer pipes along the 100 Block to 300 Block of Columbia Street.

PURPOSE

To request that Council grant an exemption from the Construction Noise Bylaw for Metro Vancouver's contractor, Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada (ORCC), to conduct sewer maintenance, slip-lining, excavation and installation of new sewer pipes for two nights per week from Wednesday June 1st 2022 to Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

1. Given that this is fourth and fifth phase of the project;
2. Given the limited weather window to complete the work;
3. Given expected low noise impacts, and
4. Given that a shorter Columbia Street closure duration would lessen impacts to neighbouring businesses and residents.

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.

For more background on the application, including a discussion of the four reasons laid out above, refer to the attachments to this report.

OPTIONS

There are two options to consider:

1. That Council grant an exemption to Oscar Renda Contracting of Canada (ORCC) from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 for two nights per week between Wednesday June 1, 2022 and Wednesday November 30, 2022, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, to conduct maintenance of the existing sewer, slip-lining, excavation, and installation of new sewer pipes along the 100 Block to 300 Block of Columbia Street.
2. That Council provide staff with alternative direction.

Staff recommend Option 1.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Background and Discussion

Appendix B: Notification and Noise, and Street Occupancy Impact

Appendix C: Area of Construction work

APPROVALS

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