

Options to Address Construction Noise

May 6, 2024

Background

February 12, 2024 Council resolution:

THAT Council direct staff to review construction noise restrictions in other communities, and the current noise variance procedure,

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward for Council consideration options for amending current construction noise times and the noise variance procedure.

Good Neighbor Bylaw No. 11500

- ▶ Construction Noise Window
 - ▶ 7:00am-9:00pm for all days of the week, year-round, including statutory holidays.
- ▶ Construction Noise Variance
 - ▶ Staff delegated authority to vary construction noise window when conditions are met

Review of Other Municipalities

Construction Noise Window, Monday-Friday and Saturday

	Monday-Friday		Saturday	
Chilliwack	7:00am	9:00pm	7:00am	9:00pm
Kamloops	7:00am	10:00pm	7:00am	10:00pm
Kelowna	7:00am	9:00pm	7:00am	9:00pm
North Vancouver	7:00am	8:00pm	9:00am	5:00pm
Surrey	7:00am	10:00pm	7:00am	10:00pm
Vancouver	7:30am	8:00pm	10:00am	8:00pm
Victoria	7:00am	7:00pm	10:00am	7:00pm

Review of Other Municipalities

Construction Noise Window: Sunday

Chilliwack	None
Kamloops	7:00am 10:00pm
Kelowna	7:00am 9:00pm
North Vancouver	None
Surrey	None
Vancouver	None
Victoria	None

Construction Noise Permitted on Statutory Holidays?

Chilliwack	Yes
Kamloops	Yes
Kelowna	Yes
North Vancouver	No
Surrey	Yes
Vancouver	No
Victoria	No

Considerations

- ▶ Mitigating the impact of construction noise on residents
- ▶ Avoiding disruptive restrictions on housing construction
- ▶ Ensuring that construction noise variances are granted where appropriate

Options

	Daily Window	Statutory Holidays	Variance Procedure
Current Bylaw	Monday-Sunday: 7:00am-9:00pm	Allowed	-As described above
Option 1: Recommended Option	Monday-Friday: No change Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm	Prohibit	-Add unsafe heat conditions as a variance criterion -Clarify scope of required mitigations
Option 2	Monday-Friday: No change Saturday: 10:00 am- 5:00 pm Sunday: Prohibit	Prohibit	-Adopt narrower grounds for granting of variances -Add unsafe heat conditions as a variance criterion -Clarify scope of required mitigations

Staff Recommendation

- ▶ Option 1 – Balanced approach which reduces noise impact on residents without major disruption for construction industry
- ▶ Staff will prepare the required amendments to the Good Neighbour Bylaw

	Daily Window	Statutory Holidays	Variance Procedure
Option 1: Recommended Option	Monday-Friday: No change Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm	Prohibit	-Add unsafe heat conditions as a variance criterion -Clarify scope of required mitigations



Questions?

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