



**To:** COUNCIL  
**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024  
**Subject:** Noise By-law Exemption – Region of Waterloo Dundas Street Phase 2 Reconstruction  
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**Report No.:** 24-084-CD  
**File No.:** A/00714-40  
**Wards Affected:** All Wards

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

THAT Report 24-084-CD Noise By-law Exemption – Region of Waterloo Dundas Street Phase 2 Reconstruction be received;

AND THAT the Region of Waterloo be exempt from the City’s Noise By-Law 32-04 for one Sunday between June 2nd and June 30, 2024 in order to complete surface paving work associated with the reconstruction of Dundas Street from Hespeler Road to Shade Street.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

#### **Purpose**

The Region of Waterloo has requested an exemption to the City’s Noise By-law for one Sunday between June 2nd and June 30, 2024, for surface paving work associated with Phase 2 of the reconstruction of Dundas Street from Hespeler Road to Shade Street.

This report is being brought forward as Council approval is required for a noise by-law exemption.

#### **Key Findings**

Council approval of the exemption to the Noise By-Law will minimize disruption to the community as it will allow paving to be completed on a weekend, should weather prevent paving from being completed on a Saturday in June 2024.

Staff are recommending that the Region of Waterloo receive an exemption to the Noise By-Law 32-04 from June 2nd and June 30, 2024. While the paving work is planned to occur over two Saturdays, this provides flexibility for scheduling the work on a Sunday should paving on a Saturday not be possible due to poor weather conditions.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**

Strategic Action

**Objective(s):** Not Applicable

**Strategic Action:** Not Applicable

**OR**

Core Service

**Program:** Road Management

**Core Service:** Road Maintenance

The noise by-law exemption allows coordination with the Region of Waterloo in the planning and delivery of infrastructure.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Construction of the second phase of the Region of Waterloo's Dundas Street reconstruction project (from Hespeler Road to Shade Street) was completed to base asphalt in 2023. Surface asphalt is planned for late May and early June 2024.

The Region of Waterloo would like to complete the surface asphalt work in two stages over the course of two Saturdays in late May and June. However, should poor weather prevent the work from being completed on a Saturday, it could be completed on a Sunday in June 2024, which requires an exemption from the City's noise control by-law 32-04.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The completion of surface asphalt work will require localized road closures on a block by block basis. Completing the work on a weekend will minimize the disruption to adjacent property owners and the local community during peak traffic hours.

Staff is supportive of the Region of Waterloo's desire to complete the closure during weekend hours, particularly given that there is an on-going closure at Beverly Street for a City reconstruction project, which is already impacting residents and businesses in this area.

City Engineering staff are recommending that the Region of Waterloo's request for an exemption to Noise Control By-law 32-04 be approved for one Sunday between June 2nd and July 30, 2024, should weather conditions not permit paving on Saturday, with the final date coordinated with City staff based on weather conditions.

**EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):**

City of Cambridge Noise By-law 32-04 prohibits sound or noise arising from the use of material handling equipment between the hours of 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 7:00 a.m. Monday, except in the case of emergency. Council may issue exemptions to the by-law, as necessary.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There are no financial implications.

**PUBLIC VALUE:**

**Collaboration:**

The City has been working in partnership with the Region of Waterloo on the Dundas Street reconstruction to better coordinate the planning and construction of infrastructure in the City of Cambridge.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:**

Not Applicable

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Posted publicly as part of the report process.

**INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

The City has been a technical representative throughout the planning, design and construction process for the reconstruction of Dundas Street.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Region of Waterloo has requested an exemption to Noise By-Law 32-04 to allow surface paving to be completed on a Sunday in July 2024, should paving on a Saturday not be feasible due to weather conditions.

Council approval of the exemption to the Noise By-Law will allow the works to occur during a weekend, which will in turn minimize the disruption to local traffic.

Staff are recommending that the Region of Waterloo be granted an exemption to Noise By-Law 32-04 for one weekend between from June 2nd and July 30, 2024, with the final date to be coordinated with staff based on weather conditions.

**REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: **No**

By-law: **No**

Budget Amendment: **No**

Policy: **No**

**APPROVALS:**

**This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:**

**Director**

**Deputy City Manager**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**City Solicitor**

**City Manager**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Not applicable