



To: SPECIAL COUNCIL (STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING)
Meeting Date: 5/31/2022
Subject: **Noise By-law Exemption – Region of Waterloo Dundas Street Reconstruction**
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Report No.: 22-053 (CD)
File No.: A/00393-40
Wards Affected: All Wards

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report 22-053 (CD) Noise By-law Exemption – Region of Waterloo Dundas Street Reconstruction be received;

AND THAT the Region of Waterloo be exempt from the City’s Noise By-Law 32-04 for one weekend between July 9 and July 31, 2022 in order to complete surface paving work associated with the reconstruction of Dundas Street from Briercrest Avenue to Shade Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

PURPOSE

The Region of Waterloo has requested an exemption to the City’s Noise By-law for one weekend between July 9 and July 31, 2022, for surface paving work associated with the reconstruction of Dundas Street from Briercrest Avenue 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 over one extended workday on a weekend in July 2022, which will reduce the duration of the road closure.

Staff are recommending that the Region of Waterloo receive an exemption to the Noise By-Law 32-04 from July 9, 2022 to July 31, 2022. While the planned work will occur on

one weekend, this provides some flexibility for scheduling the work in the event of poor weather conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

- Strategic Action; or
- Core Service

Objective(s): Not Applicable

Strategic Action: Not Applicable

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 first phase of the Region of Waterloo's Dundas Street reconstruction project (from Briercrest Avenue to Shade Street) commenced in 2020 and was completed to base asphalt in 2021. Surface asphalt is planned for the summer of 2022.

The Region of Waterloo would like to complete the surface asphalt work on one extended workday (6:00am to 9:00pm) on a Saturday. Should the work take longer than expected, it could continue into a Sunday. The work is currently planned for Saturday, July 9, 2022 with a rain day of July 16, 2022.

ANALYSIS:

The completion of surface asphalt work will require localized road closures on a block by block basis. Completing the work on a single, extended work day will minimize the disruption to adjacent property owners and the local community.

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 weekend between July 9 and July 31, 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 is no financial impact.

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 over one Saturday in July 2022.

Council approval of the exemption to the Noise By-Law will minimize construction duration, 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 July 9 and July 31, 2022, 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