



INFORMATION ONLY

To: Mayor & Members of Council

Title: Director of Planning & Community Services – Noise Prevention Bylaw 2037 Survey

Date: April 28, 2025

Background:

The current Noise Prevention Bylaw No. 2037 (s.5(a)) allows construction noise between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00.

At the July 22, 2024 Council meeting, in response to an email (from M. Rampton / Rampton Rockworks) submitted to Council with respect to altering the hours between which construction noise is allowed to accommodate summer time construction when temperatures are high, Council passed the following motion:

THAT: Council direct Administration to bring a report to Council with respect to options relating to summer construction hour restrictions set out in the Noise Bylaw.

Staff were able to quickly poll nearby municipalities to determine what time limits they provide for construction noise, and reported back to Council on August 24, 2024. The following motion was passed:

THAT: Council direct staff to refer the matter of construction noise hours during summer months to Shuswap Construction Industry Professionals for feedback and report back to Council.

Staff subsequently contacted the Shuswap Construction Industry Professionals (SCIP) on September 6, 2024 who then polled their membership on the issue of whether or not the Noise Bylaw should be amended to allow for earlier starts during hot weather or the summer. SCIP received 56 responses from their members. The indications from SCIP / industry were that there was substantial industry interest in seeing a Noise Bylaw amendment that allows for an earlier start in the summer hours, so as to decrease the time spent working in the hottest part of the day.

On January 27, 2025, Council considered the matter again and passed the following motion:

THAT: Council direct staff to initiate public engagement on an amendment to Noise Prevention Bylaw No. 2037 that would allow construction to start earlier in the day during the months of June 1 to August 31.

Staff subsequently set up a short survey on the City website asking the public if they were supportive of the idea of extending the hours within which noise could be made. The survey was live between February 20 and March 31, 2025.

There were 163 responses to the survey, with 50 supporting the changes and 113 not supporting the changes. Any comments made by the public are contained in the Survey Summary document. The results indicate that there is more opposition than support for the idea of allowing an earlier construction start in the summer months.

Legislative authority / plans / reports:

	Official Community Plan		Master Plan
	Community Charter/LGA		Other
X	Noise Prevention Bylaw 2037		Corporate Strategic Plan
	Zoning Bylaw		2024-2028 Financial Plan
			Long Term Financial Plan

Financial Considerations:

None.

Alternatives & Implications:

1. Information Only – No Motion Required.

Council could provide any indication regarding whether or not they wish to provide any further direction in this matter.

Communication:

Should Council proceed with this initiative, a communications plan will be developed. Staff can also communicate as needed directly with the person that initially raised this issue.

Prepared by: Director of Planning & Community Services
Approved by: Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

- Survey Summary