



Staff Report to Council

DATE: Monday, July 18, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Bylaw and Enforcement

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Noise Regulation Bylaw 2056, 2022 and POL-0168-ADMIN

COMMENTARY:

At their meeting of May 16, Council adopted the City of Langford Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 2056, 2022, replacing the former CRD Noise Bylaw 961. Along with newly defined restrictions, the new Noise Regulation Bylaw provides a permitting mechanism to deal with situations of urgency where a construction project might be faced with an unforeseen need to complete noise generating work outside of the restrictions imposed by the Bylaw. The Bylaw provides a mechanism to allow for possible Exemption Permits where applications are submitted to the City at least two days prior to the event.

It is anticipated that the staff time required to process permit applications, as well as Bylaw Enforcement staff time needed to field inquiries and to complete any follow up investigations will present an additional cost to taxpayers and with that, staff are recommending the new Noise Bylaw be amended to identify a standard service fee to offset such costs.

Staff are recommending applications for a standard Exemption Permit be established at five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and that the short notice (under two days) application fee be established at seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00). The attached Bylaw amendment and proposed fees "Appendix 1" provides Council an opportunity to contemplate this recommendation. Similarly, the guiding policy (POL-0168-ADMIN) has been revised to include the proposed fees. A copy of the adjusted policy is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Other than providing a mechanism to offset the staff time costs associated with these new anticipated service demands, no significant financial implications are anticipated.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Under Section 194 of the *Community Charter*, Council has authority to, by Bylaw, impose a fee payable in respect of the exercise of authority to regulate, prohibit or impose requirements.

OPTIONS:

Option 1

THAT Council consider giving first, second, and third readings to City of Langford Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 2056, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 2100, 2022;

OR Option 2

THAT Council do nothing in respect of Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 2056, 2022.

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