

REPORT TO: Community and Infrastructure Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: August 28, 2023

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: Wards 2, 3

DATE OF REPORT: August 23, 2023

REPORT NO.: DSD-2023-387

SUBJECT: MTO Noise Exemption – Provincial Highway 8 from Franklin Street to Highway 7/8 interchange

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) and its contractors be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 450 Noise of the City of Kitchener Municipal Code Article 6 Construction Work during the pavement rehabilitation of the Highway 8 between Franklin Street and the Highway 7/8 Interchange in the City of Kitchener. The request for the noise by-law exemption is between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the period of September 11 to November 7, 2023.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The MTO is completing pavement rehabilitation work and requesting an overnight noise exemption.
- There are no financial implications involved in this report.
- Notification to impacted businesses and residents within a 400m radius of the work location will be completed by MTO's consultant.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

BACKGROUND:

The MTO is planning pavement rehabilitation work, the installation of electrical conduit, and line painting on Highway 8 between Franklin Street and the Highway 7/8 Interchange. Work will be completed at night between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am to avoid daytime and peak hour impacts to highway traffic.

REPORT:

In order to complete the Highway 8 pavement rehabilitation, the following project information includes:

- Nighttime construction is proposed to minimize construction duration and avoid significant disruption to Highway 8 and the Highway 7/8 interchange traffic.

- For the period September 11 to November 7, work will be completed at night between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am.
- All work will be contained within the MTO's existing right-of-way along the Highway 8 corridor.
- Rehabilitation of Highway 8 will be completed with temporary nighttime lane closures as required.

The pavement rehabilitation night work generally involves; set up and take down of traffic control measures, removal of asphalt pavement, and paving operations. The noise involved with this work includes generators to provide nighttime lighting, operation of milling machines, dump trucks and diesel powered equipment for loading/unloading.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Budget – The recommendation has no impact on the Capital Budget.

Operating Budget – The recommendation has no impact on the Operating Budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

INFORM – This report has been posted to the City's website with the agenda in advance of the council / committee meeting.

CONSULT – 4k Engineers Ltd will provide a letter of notification to the surrounding residents/businesses within 400 metres of the work area in advance of the commencement of the work detailing the work to be completed and approximate scheduling and project contact information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:

Chapter 450 Noise of the City of Kitchener Municipal Code Article 6

APPROVED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

No Attachments