

APPROVAL REPORT

The Noise Amendment Bylaw, 2023

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9928, *The Noise Amendment Bylaw, 2023* (“Bylaw”) for City Council’s consideration. The Bylaw implements City Council’s decision to align *The Noise Bylaw, 2003* with SGI’s vehicle noise policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9928, *The Noise Amendment Bylaw, 2023*.

BACKGROUND

At its [October 25, 2023 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction dated October 3, 2023 and resolved in part:

1. That a noise level limit of 101.3 dB for motor vehicles be added to Bylaw No. 8244, *The Noise Bylaw, 2003* to align with SGI’s vehicle noise policy;
2. That the noise level limit for motorcycles be increased to 101.3 dB in Bylaw No. 8244, *The Noise Bylaw, 2003* to align with SGI’s vehicle noise policy;
3. That Bylaw No. 8244, *The Noise Bylaw, 2003* be updated to extend the ability for police officers to order sound testing of both motorcycles and motor vehicles and to create the corresponding offence for failure to comply with such an order; and
4. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw amendments to Bylaw No. 8244, *The Noise Bylaw, 2003* effective January 1, 2024.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with City Council’s instruction, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9928, *The Noise Amendment Bylaw, 2023* for City Council’s consideration.

As a housekeeping amendment, an exemption has been added for sounds caused by legally discharged fireworks.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9928, *The Noise Amendment Bylaw, 2023*.

Report Approval

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