



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, June 3, 2019

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Acting Mayor Chak Au, Acting Chair
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Absent: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie

Call to Order: The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on May 21, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AGENDA ADDITIONS

The Acting Chair advised that a referral to staff regarding amendments to the Noise Regulation Bylaw would be added to the agenda as Item No. 2.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

1. **2019 CHILD CARE GRANTS – SECOND INTAKE**
(File Ref. No. 03-0185-01) (REDMS No. 6178419 v. 4)

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It was moved and seconded

That the Child Care Capital Grants, as outlined in the staff report titled "2019 Child Care Grants – Second Intake" dated May 7, 2019 from the Manager, Community Social Development, be awarded for the recommended amounts and cheques be disbursed for a total of \$25,720.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR CAROL DAY

2. NOISE BYLAW AMENDMENTS

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Councillor Day distributed materials (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1) and spoke to amendments to the Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 to change permitted hours of noise to start at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays, Monday through Friday as well as expanding the noise restriction to include other sources of noise such as landscaping activities.

Discussion took place regarding (i) referring the matter to staff to also review reducing the hours of permitted construction noise to an earlier end time, (ii) impact of weather and seasonal changes on required hours of construction, (iii) number of noise complaints received, and (iv) differentiating between construction noise and other types of noises.

In response to questions from Committee, John Irving, Acting General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, advised that staff do receive numerous exemption requests to work outside permitted construction noise hours typically for larger development projects that require longer durations of concrete pour for large slabs that would be difficult to achieve with weekday traffic.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff review Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 including beginning and end times of permitted construction noise and differentiating between construction and other noises.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:09 p.m.).

CARRIED

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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, June 3, 2019.

Acting Mayor Chak Au
Acting Chair

Amanda Welby
Legislative Services Coordinator

Motion : Noise bylaw amendment to 7:30 am

Whereas bylaw 8856 restricts construction to a start time of 7:00 am Monday through Friday be it resolved that the bylaw be amended to change the start time to 7:30 am Monday to Friday and these bylaws be applied to all trades such as Landscape companies and others that create excessive noise with their equipment.

Rational : Residents are often subject to excessive noise that negatively affects the quality of their lives in residential neighbourhoods, a further half hour in the early morning will improve the quality of life and better regulate how trades operate their businesses.



Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 Amendments

No.: INFO-29
Date: 2016-03-11
Revised: 2018-05-13

Purpose:

To inform builders and owners of amendments to Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, the "Bylaw". The amendments include restrictions to demolition and construction activities on Sundays and Statutory holidays and the introduction of signage requirements.

Background:

The City made amendments to the Bylaw on September 14 and November 09, 2015 to address demolition and construction noise concerns raised by members of the general public.

Implementation:

The Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 was amended to include the following:

Noise Restrictions

The primary change to the Bylaw will limit construction activities on Sundays and Statutory holidays to work performed by homeowners or occupants, provided that construction noise levels do not exceed the limits stipulated in the Bylaw. Under this amendment, contractors are prohibited from creating noise due to construction activities during Sundays and Statutory holidays.

Construction noise is permitted under the Bylaw provided it does not have a rating exceeding 85 dBA when measured at a distance of 15.2 m (50 feet) from the source of the noise and only occurs:

- between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday that is not a Statutory holiday for any type of construction;
- between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Saturday that is not a Statutory holiday for any type of construction; and
- between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday or Statutory holiday, provided the construction is in connection with a residential building or structure and undertaken personally by the homeowner or occupier of the premises.

Requirements for Posted Signage

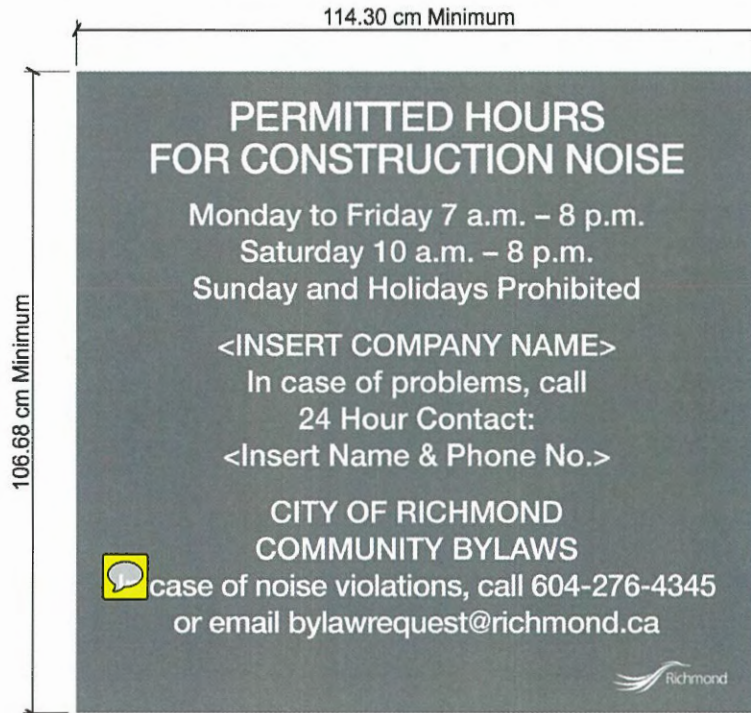
Where the construction value exceeds \$150,000.00, signage shall be installed and maintained on the premises in accordance with the following:

- The sign shall be at least 1.48 m² for construction that is in respect to a single or two-family dwelling or 2.97 m² for all other types of construction.
- The posted signage shall be a minimum of 114.30 cm (45 in.) wide by 106.68 cm (42 in.) high.
- The sign shall include the following information:
 - permitted hours for construction noise, as indicated in Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856;
 - name of the company undertaking the construction, if applicable;
 - name and phone number of the general contractor, owner or other person available to address complaints about the construction on a 24 hour per day basis; and
 - phone number and email address of the City's Community Bylaws Department (call 604-276-4345 or email bylawrequest@richmond.ca).
- The sign is to be secured to the building or supported by posts or poles and be capable of withstanding all weather conditions.

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- The background colour of the sign shall be grey and the words shall be white Helvetica medium block lettering with a minimum letter height of 2.54 cm (1 in.).
- The owner, occupier, builder or developer shall maintain the sign required on the premises from the commencement date of any construction to the date that final occupancy is permitted.

Construction Sign Sample

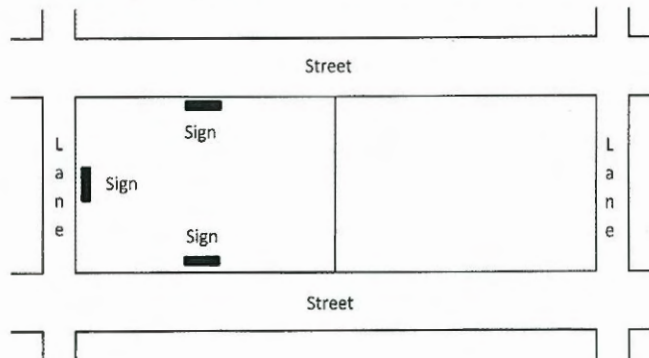


Sign Placement

Height From Ground - maximum 3.65 m

Height From Ground - minimum 1.52 m

Sign Quantity - 1 sign for EACH street and/or lane fronting the property



Note: Drawing not to scale.

The above-noted signage requirements will apply to all Demolition and Building Permits issued as of September 15, 2015, for all combined construction valued over \$150,000.00.

Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions concerning this bulletin, please reference the Bulletin Number and email building@richmond.ca or call the Building Approvals General Inquiries line at 604-276-4118.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, please contact the **Community Bylaws Department at 604-276-4345 or email bylawrequest@richmond.ca.**