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Corporate Report

Report from Transportation & Environmental Services, Operations

Date of Report: August 21, 2013

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2013

Report Number: TES-267-2013

File: 10.13.5

Subject: Request for Exemption from Noise By-law 95-198 – Highway 406
Resurfacing from QEW to Geneva Street

Recommendation

That Council approve the request from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario seeking an exemption for their contractor from By-law No. 95-198 (A By-law to Regulate and Prohibit Noise), to permit night work associated with the resurfacing of Highway 406 from the Queen Elizabeth Way interchange to the Geneva Street interchange; and

That the City Clerk be directed to make the necessary notifications. FORTHWITH

Background

The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) is planning to resurface both directions of Highway 406 from the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) interchange to the Geneva Street interchange. The length of the contract is for approximately three months, commencing in the spring / summer of 2014.

Report

Sections 3.1(e) and 3.2 of By-law No. 95-198 prohibit the operation of construction equipment between 23:00 hours one day and 07:00 hours the next day. Although By-law No. 95-198 expressly prohibits construction activities during these hours, it is common for such activities to take place on the provincial highway system given the operational and safety issues associated with this type of work.

Staff have reviewed MTO's request and support the exemption given that it is common for this type of work to be performed at night. In order to address any noise complaints that do result from this overnight work, MTO has developed and will implement a process for dealing with such complaints as they arise.

Financial Implications

Not Applicable.

Notification

It is in order to advise Jessie Chau, Environmental Planner, Central Region Planning and Environmental Office, Ministry of Transportation, 1201 Wilson Avenue, Downsview ON, M3M 1J8.

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