



WOOD BUFFALO RECOVERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Date: April 5, 2017

Subject: Repeal of Bylaw No. 16/015 – Noise Bylaw Amendment

APPROVALS:

Erin O'Neill, Operations Manager
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Recommendation:

THAT the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee recommend to Council that Bylaw No. 16/015, an amendment to the Noise Bylaw, be repealed.

Summary:

Bylaw No. 16/015 amended Bylaw No. 83/024, the Noise Bylaw, to allow Wildfire Recovery Noise at any time of the day, effectively allowing 24-hour demolition or noise related to delayed Municipal construction projects as a result of the wildfire.

As the majority of demolition, clean-up and debris removal activity is complete, the justification for this amendment no longer exists.

The Recovery Task Force recommends repealing Bylaw No. 16/015.

Background:

Bylaw No. 16/015 was passed on July 5, 2016 at a time when significant action was required to clean-up the wildfire damaged areas. As such, Wildfire Recovery Noise was defined as “any noise caused by or arising from any demolition, clean-up or debris removal activity related to the destruction caused by the wildfire of May 2016 or noise caused by or arising from construction projects of the Municipality that were delayed due to the wildfire.”

The Bylaw does not permit 24-hour noise for all construction activity nor has a need been identified for 24-hour construction based on discussions with the Fort McMurray Construction Association. While there are still a limited number of demolitions occurring, the number is not sufficient to justify 24-hour noise.

Rationale for Recommendation:

There no longer remains a need for 24-hour construction. Additionally, repealing Bylaw No. 16/105 would remove any potential confusion and enable consistent enforcement of the overarching Noise Bylaw.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services

Pillar 4 – Building an Effective Land Strategy

Recovery Campaign Plan Linkage:

Rebuild Pillar – Make timely policy decisions that enable reconstruction by removing obstacles and barriers

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No. 16/015
2. Bylaw No. 83/24