

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2018

Item 22, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 11, 2018.

22 NOISE BY-LAW REVISION TECHNICAL AMENDMENT

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Community Services, dated April 4, 2018:

Purpose

Following the adoption of a new Noise By-law, staff have identified areas that require further clarification in the By-law. This report seeks approval for these changes which shall be brought forward as an amending by-law to the April 11, 2018 meeting of Council.

Report Highlights

- Council approved a new Noise By-law to incorporate recently introduced MOECC Noise Guidelines, specifically NPC-300.
- Staff have since identified areas, as outlined in this report, requiring additional clarification.
- Staff shall bring forward the by-law with additional amendments to the April 11, 2018 meeting of Council.

Recommendations

1. That Council approve the proposed amendments as outlined in this report; and
2. That Council authorize staff to undertake the necessary steps required to implement the recommendations of this report, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

Background

On January 30, 2018, Council approved staff's recommendation to amend the City of Vaughan's noise regulations to:

- reflect the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC) revised Environmental Noise Guideline - Stationary and Transportation Sources - Approval and Planning (NPC-300) and recognize "Class 4 areas", in which higher noise levels are permitted than other areas;

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- to create “Exempted Employment Areas”, areas that are adjacent to a City-approved Class 4 area and that have valid MOECC-issued Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs) permitting their activities according to various conditions; and
- to update City department names, titles and definitions, and to improve definitions and provisions to provide more consistent and efficient service.

Upon further review of the updated by-law, staff have identified additional areas that require greater clarity.

Staff will bring forward additional amendments in the form of an amending by-law to the April 11, 2018 meeting of Council.

Previous Reports/Authority

Item 8, Report No. 2, of the Committee of the Whole, [AMENDMENTS TO THE NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW 96-2006](#), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 30, 2018.

[NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 015-2018](#), as approved by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 30, 2018.

Analysis and Options

The proposed amendments shall strengthen the clarity of the By-law by:

1. providing additional definitions; and
2. clarifying the applicability of competing provisions within the by-law.

In addition, the amendments will address the eligibility and process for approving and/or removing the Exempted Employment Area status.

Financial Impact

There are no anticipated financial impacts.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

These recommendations will help to ensure the City’s regulations are in line with MOECC guidelines.

Conclusion

The amendments to be brought forward shall provide greater clarity for Vaughan

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citizens and businesses, supporting the City's Service Excellence Strategic Initiative to improve Citizen Experience and provide Consistent Service Delivery,

This report has been developed with input from Development Engineering, Legal Services and By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services.

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Attachments

None

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