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Item No. 15.1

Request for CPED Consideration	
Clerk's Office by Noon at Clerk's Office	to Municipal ce by Noon at orking day prior
Date of Meeting: September 15, 2022	
Subject: Noise Bylaw Amendment	
Motion for Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to Consider:	
That Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report the purpose of which is to consider amendments to By- law N-200, Respecting Noise, to establish end hours for construction related noise related to concrete pouring to be 9:30 pm, Monday to Friday.	
Reason: While Council voted, with good reasons, to somewhat reduce the time of day for construction noise, the change significantly impacts concrete pour and curing.	
While it can take some time for concrete to cure, the critical first step must take place immediately after a pour, and the machines that facilitate safe curing make some noise. Length of time that the process will take is dependent on external factors, like air temperature and humidity.	
By having curing have to stop by 8pm there will be times where no concrete can be poured at any point in the day as environmental factors will keep it from curing in the bylaws timeframe.	
Legal confirmed that any change would require a full amendment process with first and 2nd reading should reverting to the current hours be recommended. Rather than an "exemption", concreate pouring would need to be defined with its own hours of operation separate from other construction noise.	
This amendment needs to go through CPED so could be combined with the June 16 request for a staff report "to explore the impact of seasonal hours of operation on the construction industry."	
Outcome Sought: report with possible amendments for Regional Council to consider	
Councillor Waye Mason	District 7