

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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**Title:** Overnight Construction – Water Street Infrastructure Improvements – Phase 3 (Ayre’s Cove to Clift’s-Baird’s Cove)

**Date Prepared:** April 8, 2020

**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Ian Froude, Public Works & Sustainability

**Ward:** Ward 2

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## Decision/Direction Required:

Decision is required to allow temporary construction activities along Water Street – Ayre’s Cove to Clift’s-Baird’s Cove, during the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am.

## Discussion – Background and Current Status:

It has typically been the opinion of City Council and Staff that overnight construction activities are not desirable in the City due to the noise caused by construction activities and the effect this would have on nearby residents, and due to the increased costs typically associated with overnight work.

City staff is being preemptive in seeking approval for the Contractor of the Water Street Infrastructure Improvements - Phase 3 project to conduct some portions of the work during the overnight hours, from 11:00pm to 7:00am. The nighttime work will be required only at times when the contractor is working adjacent to NL Powers underground duct structures that require an outage. NL Power has advised the contractor that this will be required to safely perform the work. While along Water Street, it is primarily commercial usage, there are some residents that live in the vicinity.

The overnight work is not anticipated to take place every night but would rather involve sporadic overnight operations to facilitate NL Power and the contractors schedule.

City staff are seeking permission from Council to grant an exemption to the City’s noise bylaw for the Water Street project, between April 13 and June 20, 2020. As earlier stated, specific dates for any overnight work are not known at this time but will be communicated to all those impacted but the outage followed by a public service announcement and social media advising of the nighttime work prior to it beginning.

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**Key Considerations/Implications:**

**1. Budget/Financial Implications:**

There are no budget implications associated with this decision.

**2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:**

Area Businesses  
Area Residents

**3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:**

Improve safety for all users on a well-maintained street network is a part of the City's Strategic Plan A City That Moves.

**4. Legal or Policy Implications:**

There are no Legal or Policy implications associated with this decision.

**5. Privacy Implications:**

There are no privacy implications associated with this decision.

**6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:**

Public notices will be posted on City website prior to any planned overnight work takes place.

**7. Human Resource Implications:**

There are no human resource implications associated with this decision.

**8. Procurement Implications:**

There are no procurement implications associated with this decision.

**9. Information Technology Implications:**

There are no information technology implications associated with this decision.

**10. Other Implications:**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation:**

That Council grant the Contractor permission to work outside the City's noise bylaw hours, allowing the Contractor to work between 11:00pm and 7:00am for the Water Street Infrastructure Improvements project – Phase 3. This work is anticipated to be sporadic, and therefore public notifications will be provided through the City's website prior to any overnight work taking place.

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