

November 2, 2006

TO: Residents and businesses around Southeast False Creek

RE: Construction noise

As you are probably aware, the City of Vancouver is doing construction work on the Southeast False Creek (SEFC) site to build Vancouver's Olympic Village.

Crews are currently installing large rocks (called "rip rap") to build the shoreline. This rock must be placed at low tide. Unfortunately, the lowest tide often occurs in the middle of the night at this time of year. Therefore some work must take place at night, when people are sleeping. One contractor -- JJM Contracting -- was given a temporary exemption from the City's noise by-law to do this tidally-dependent work.

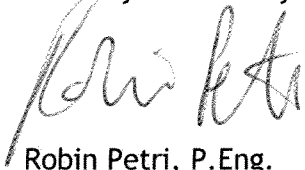
The City has received a few complaints about construction noise keeping some residents of Citygate awake at night. This noise comes from the beepers of trucks backing up and dumping loads of rock. The City understands residents' concerns and is taking the following steps with the contractor to reduce construction noise on the site:

- the City will ensure that only the most tidally-dependant work is done at night.
- the contractor is stockpiling rock as much as possible during the day, to lessen dumping at night
- another stockpile area has been located as far away as possible from residences
- the contractor is pursuing a variance with Worksafe BC on back-up beepers (these are a mandatory safety feature on large trucks. With a variance, alternatives to beepers, such as the use of strobelights and traffic control personnel may be considered.)
- truck dumping routes are being altered to minimize reverse movement.

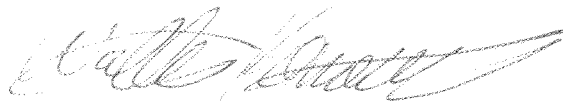
We are also circulating this notice to residents explaining the situation, and will update the project website www.vancouver.ca/olympicvillage with the latest information.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience, and hopes to conclude this work as soon as possible. This work, in the easternmost section of the SEFC site, should be completed before the end of November 2006. In the meantime, we appreciate the patience of neighbours as we build the Olympic Village, and the first phase of a model sustainable community that will eventually house 12,000-16,000 people.

Should you have any questions, please contact one of us directly.



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