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Subject: Update: Granville Bridge construction

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see below an update on the Granville Bridge Upgrades, Steel Repairs and Recoating project.

As this project nears completion, the City's contractors continue to complete intermittent night work. A noise by-law exception permit allows this construction project to proceed outside of normal working hours (11pm to 9am, 7 days a week). This week, the night work included steel rivet replacement, which resulted in loud repetitive noise.

Since the project is directly over Granville Island, staff have been working in partnership with CMHC to identify and explore strategies for mitigating construction impacts to Granville Island's businesses and visitors. To complete this work safely, crews must protect the public by putting in place "exclusion zones" and road closures. This work was scheduled for the evening to ensure the busy roadway and pedestrian walkways on Granville Island directly underneath the work zone could remain open during business hours.

Noise from this work can be disruptive and impactful to residents in the area and we received 12 complaints following this week's night work. Previously, the City's contractor was able to successfully perform similar loud night work with much less feedback from the public.

In response to these complaints, the project team has stopped all loud night work and is meeting with the Contractor to reassess the work plan – this has been communicated back to several concerned members of the public. The noise by-law exception permit remains in place so that the Contractor may continue to perform less disruptive work through the night to expedite completion of this project.

We continue working to balance the critical nature of this work with the needs of residents and businesses, and are monitoring feedback as work progresses.

Please feel free to direct any media inquiries to [media@vancouver.ca](mailto:media@vancouver.ca). If you do wish to comment or need to respond to community members, we ask that you consider the following suggested key points:

- The City is completing critical structural upgrades to Granville Bridge including repairing steel sections of the bridge and renewing portions of the steel coating system.
- Noise is expected due to the nature of the work.
- A [noise by-law exception permit](#) allows this construction project to proceed outside of normal working hours, however, staff are working with the contractor on noise mitigation and on scheduling less disruptive work through the night.
- We will continue to monitor feedback as the work progresses.
- Thank you for your ongoing patience while we continue working to balance the critical nature of this work with the needs of residents and businesses in the area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at [604-873-7336](tel:604-873-7336) or [lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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