

**Subject: Request for Revisions to Bylaw Relief – Staff Report OPS.26.024**

April 23, 2026

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Members of Council,

We, as neighbourhood residents of Bay Street East, are writing regarding the proposed bylaw relief outlined in Staff Report OPS.26.024, and to respectfully request that Council reconsider several aspects of the current proposal.

Residents of Bay Street are concerned that the bylaw, as written, places a disproportionate burden on those living in the immediate area. While we understand and support the need to complete this project efficiently, the current approach does not adequately balance construction needs with residents' quality of life.

The report indicates that noise relief is required for only two to three weekends; however, the bylaw is drafted to allow extended noise exemptions from May 31 through September 30. This 18-week window is significantly broader than necessary and creates uncertainty for residents. A more defined and limited timeframe—aligned with the actual construction schedule, with a reasonable contingency buffer—would be more appropriate and fair.

Additionally, permitting continuous work seven days a week would result in prolonged disruption without reprieve. Residents should be afforded at least one consistent day of rest per week. Eliminating Sunday work would provide a necessary balance while still allowing the project to proceed in a timely manner.

There is also concern about the inclusion of long weekends within the proposed relief period. These are among the most valued times for residents and visitors alike, particularly during the short summer season. Avoiding construction activity during statutory holiday weekends would demonstrate consideration for the broader community.

To better align the bylaw with community expectations, we respectfully request that Council consider the following revisions:

- Limit the noise exemption to a clearly defined three-week period, with a modest contingency if required
- Exclude all Sunday work to ensure one day of rest per week
- Exclude statutory holiday weekends from construction activity
- Confirm that the bylaw applies only to the Grey Street allowance and Lora Bay Park areas
- Ensure that no additional weekend construction activity occurs on Bay Street East beyond the defined scope

We appreciate the importance of completing this project as efficiently as possible, and we share the goal of minimizing its overall duration. However, clearer planning and more targeted allowances will help ensure that residents are not unduly impacted in the process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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