



GPC Report

Date: August 21, 2014 **From:** Mayor Fortin and Councillor Isitt
Subject: Minor amendment to Noise Control Bylaw

MOTION

WHEREAS ambiguity in one definition within the Noise Control Bylaw has resulted in a lack of enforcement of noise that appears to exceed permitted sound levels, particularly at night time when residents are most concerned about the negative impact of excessive noise;

AND WHEREAS a minor amendment to the bylaw can remove this ambiguity, providing greater certainty to Bylaw officers and members of the public, without requiring any substantial input of staff time;

AND WHEREAS this minor amendment is consistent with the intent of the original bylaw, as confirmed in the attached letter from Wakefield Acoustics, which advised the City during the initial drafting of the bylaw;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to prepare a minor amendment to the Noise Control Bylaw, revising the definition of "point of reception" along the lines proposed in the highlighted text at page 5 of the draft amended bylaw, clarifying that the point of reception be interpreted as that position where the *greater equivalent sound level is measured between the two possible positions identified in the definition.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Fortin".

Mayor Dean Fortin

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Ben Isitt

Attachments:

Noise Control Bylaw (*draft amendment, August 21, 2014*)

Letter from Wakefield Acoustics

Letter from Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Group (August 2014)

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