

Background and Previous Council Direction

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On 2023 September 12 Council directed Administration to report back in Q2 2024 with: a draft noise policy vision; a review of existing City of Calgary noise rules compared to health guidelines and leading practices in other jurisdictions; and reports that outline the scope and cost of: city-wide noise mapping, closing the gap between Calgary's current practice and that of leading jurisdictions, and a soundscape assessment pilot project.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2023 September 12	EC2023-0642	<p>Noise Policy to Protect the Health and Quality of Life of Calgarians</p> <p>That Council direct Administration to return to Council in Q2 of 2024 with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A draft noise policy vision that includes the protection of public health and the importance of sound and acoustics in creating liveable and engaging urban spaces;2. A review of existing noise-related bylaws:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. evaluating their alignment with existing national and international health guidelines; and,b. surveying best practices in other municipalities, including mitigation measures related to weather events, entertainment events, and construction in or near residential areas;3. A scoping report that identifies potential funding sources, a workplan, and budget request to support:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. city-wide information collection (noise mapping) and public disclosure of noise exposure information, and plans for mitigation measures, to be updated at a regular interval;b. recommendations for applicable bylaw changes based on the above review; andc. a pilot project that engages Calgarians in soundscape assessment, drawing from existing local engagement methods and other community engagement work.