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Capilano Road construction to get noisier, go later

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A contractor works on the replacement of the Capilano water main near Montroyal Boulevard near the top of Capilano Road last week. Work on the project is expected to continue until the spring of 2016. photo Cindy Goodman, North Shore News

Crews working on the project to replace the Capilano Road water main may now work a little later and a little louder.

District of North Vancouver council voted Monday night to approve a noise bylaw variance that will extend work hours on the massive project from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, if required. Generators for power and pumps may also run 24-7, "provided measures are taken to reduce noise to as low as reasonably practical."

Work may continue after 8 p.m. for emergency situations and to complete concrete pours for the project's three valve chambers.

Metro Vancouver has also been given the OK to use equipment that exceeds noise limits such as a hydro vacuum truck, which can have a noise level as high as 110 decibels — about the same as rock concert or rivet gun. That equipment may only be used between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday though. According to Metro Vancouver staff, it will be used sparingly.

No construction will take place on Sundays.

Work is expected to last on the project, which has also caused traffic detours, until the spring of 2016.

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