

Submission to City Council May 26, 2021 regarding OCS21-20 – Stunting, Racing & Excessive Vehicular Noise Within City Limits

**Your Worship and Members of Regina City Council**

I do not support the recommendations of OCS21-20 regarding Stunting, Racing & Excessive Vehicular Noise Within City Limits for the following reasons:

1. The recommendation of a nominal fine increase is inadequate to curb the serious problems outlined in the Motion and will do little to deter owners of loud vehicles and dangerous driver behaviours.
2. The report did not address the proposal in MN20-17 that called for increased fines between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.
3. The issue of racing, which is a serious danger to the public is ignored within the report and no mitigation measures are proposed.
4. Environmental factors (e.g. berms, roadway design, speed limits, long-haul, heavy trucks) that contribute to the amplification of vehicle noise such as neighbourhoods adjacent to high speed roadways and Regina Bypass are ignored in the report.
5. There is no indication that public consultation was conducted for the report.
6. There is no mention of specific problem areas within the City that have been identified by City Councillors, residents and Regina Police Service (RPS).

As residents, we recommend that City Council:

1. Introduce a much larger increase to the fine as a deterrent. The proposed fine of \$250 is too low. A fine of \$500 like the City of Ottawa is warranted.
2. Introduce even higher fines within the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.
3. Introduce new fines for stunting and racing.
4. Introduce specific enforcement programs for racing.
5. Extend the RPS Project SPEED beyond April-May.
6. Take into account specific environmental factors that contribute to these issues (e.g. lack of noise attenuation).
7. Conduct public and Council consultations.
8. Identify specific problem locations for increased targeted enforcement.
9. Direct RPS to issue mandatory inspection tickets for loud vehicles under Section 279 of the Traffic Safety Act.

I support the recommendation for Regina City Council to submit a letter to the Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) to implement stricter measures regarding vehicle standards and inspection policies to reduce excessive vehicular noise.



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