



Report Number: EC2021-1689

Meeting: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: 2021 December 14

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Mitigating On-Street Racing, Primarily After Hours

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Chabot

WHEREAS Since the closing of Race City Speedway, new drivers have been seeking an outlet to test out their vehicles and young people who are very mechanically motivated and inclined have been enhancing their vehicles and seeking areas to test their enhancement and improvement to their vehicles compared to those made by others,

However, because they don't currently have a legal outlet to test those enhancements or upgrades to their vehicles, they tend to do them on residential streets. Primarily, along main drags such as Rundelhorn Drive, Temple Drive, 52nd Street, 68th Street, 32nd Ave., 16th Ave., Memorial Drive and McKnight Blvd. just to name a few.

AND WHEREAS What might be a reasonable solution to mitigate some of this is to first increase police presence and second by providing for some sort of facility which could include a road closure in an industrial area, a temporary road closure with a road closure permits, including bylaw, police, fire, ems to ensure that we can host a safe venue and opportunity for this type of activity to occur under a structured and supervised plan. It could also include registration fees which would help offset the costs of the services provided to ensure that the event is done safely.

And WHEREAS New legislative changes are planned that will affect the Calgary Police's ability to be nimble in addressing residential speeding and also limit their ability to encourage compliance in more than 50 % of our lane kilometers.

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary has over 16,800 lane kilometers of road infrastructure and approximately 9000 kms of residential roadways that have speed limits that are below 50 km/hour speed limits.

AND WHEREAS Approximately 1/3 of all collisions that occur happen on those streets and proposed legislation would require the City of Calgary to incur significant costs to encourage compliance while also creating unintended consequences like possibly delaying response times for emergency vehicles to respond to emergency events through the application of speed bumps.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Justice requesting that he meet with Senior Police Officers to consider amendments to the Highway Safety and Highway Traffic Act the better serves the Citizens of Calgary from a Safety perspective.

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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED That Administration investigate the feasibility of facilitating a permitted temporary road closure or the use of other City of Calgary locations to coordinate a sanctioned racing event with emergency services present and report back through the Emergency Management Committee on a scoping analysis for council consideration.

Attachment

Notice of Motion- Checklist