



Addressing Noisy Vehicles Through Calgary Traffic Bylaw Enforcement

Presentation to Community Development Committee

2023 May 31

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Vehicle Noise

- Over 1,500 complaints to 311 in 5 years
- Quality of life and health impacts

Bylaw Traffic Enforcement Team

- Noisy Vehicles
- Community Traffic Safety
- Fine revenue offsets costs



Approach to addressing vehicle noise:

- Implement proposed workplan
- Amend Calgary Traffic Bylaw
- Secure resources for community peace officers to conduct traffic stops.



Model used at The City of Edmonton:

- Standard decibel levels for motorcycles
- Objective measurement standards
- Fines up to \$1000
- Peace officer enforcement



- Collaboration with partners
- Training requirements
- Fleet and equipment
- New operational and support staff
- Public awareness campaign



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