

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

The recommendation in the cover report incorporates the direction from Council on 2023 July 4 to better address vehicle noise through amendments to the Calgary Traffic Bylaw. These amendments will allow The City of Calgary's newly formed Traffic Safety Team and the Calgary Police Service to more easily enforce the bylaw and improve quality of life for residents in Calgary.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
2024/06/26	CD2024-0549	<p>Briefing – Progress Update on Addressing Noisy Vehicles and Community Traffic Safety</p> <p>The City will begin street-level vehicle noise monitoring in Q3 2024. Devices will collect baseline data throughout the summer at identified vehicle noise hot spots and will be used to make data-driven deployment decisions and measure change during enforcement operations. In addition, the Traffic Safety Team will be trained to enforce the provincial Traffic Safety Act for vehicle noise.</p>
2023/11/22	C2023-1148	<p>2023 November Adjustments to the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets</p> <p>Council approved the Operating budget of \$1.3M and a one-time Capital budget of \$350K to provide additional community peace officers and training resources to enforce vehicle noise and traffic safety bylaws in collaboration with Calgary Police Service.</p>
2023/07/04	CD2023-0582	<p>Addressing Noisy Vehicles Through Calgary Traffic Bylaw Enforcement</p> <p>Council directed Administration to draft amendments to the Calgary Traffic Bylaw (26M96) to better address vehicle noise and return to Council with proposed amendments no later than Q3 2024.</p>
2022/11/01	EC2022-1098	<p>Notice of Motion – Addressing Noisy Vehicles Through Calgary Traffic Bylaw Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council directed Administration to return to Council in Q2 2023 with a scoping report including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An overview of potential bylaw changes that could increase the ability of enforcement authorities to enforce laws and bylaws addressing vehicle noise;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ An overview of potential changes to the structure of fines and penalties related to vehicle noise that could aid in deterring vehicle noise;○ A workplan and budget request, including equipment, training, and staffing requests as necessary, to support the expansion of traffic stop enforcement efforts to include Calgary's Community Peace Officers;● That Council direct Administration to initiate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussions to acquire the relevant permissions from law enforcement and the Government of Alberta to authorize Calgary's Community Peace Officers to perform traffic stops;○ Discussions with the Calgary Police Service to gauge the viability of a joint pilot campaign between Calgary's Community Peace Officers and the Calgary Police Service regarding vehicle noise enforcement to potentially be launched in the Summer of 2023;● That Council direct Administration to return to Council in Q1 2024 with:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A report summarizing progress made towards improving vehicle noise enforcement;○ A review of automated systems being piloted in other jurisdictions, and the technical and legal viability of their applicability in Calgary.
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