



## Town of Tecumseh

### Memo

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** CAO Margaret Misek-Evans  
**Date:** June 15, 2020  
**Re:** Excessive Noise – Vehicular Exhaust Systems

At the May 12, 2020 RCM, an inquiry was made regarding the *Highway Traffic Act* regulations and enforcement of excessive noise from vehicles with modified mufflers. The matter was referred to the Police Services Board (PSB).

The PSB was initially made aware of Council's concern at its May 14, 2020 meeting. The board subsequently considered a report, with recommendations, provided by the Essex County OPP at its June 11, 2020 meeting. That report is attached to this memo, along with a table summarizing noise bylaw provisions related to this type of complaint in a number of municipalities.

In short, the board supported the OPP's recommendation that enforcement of the *Highway Traffic Act*, specifically S. 75, be used as the first step to combat this problem.

At the June 11 meeting, the board passed the following motion:

**Motion: PSB - 23/20**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara  
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adopt** the Essex County OPP Report dated June 4, 2020 regarding enforcement of noise complaints related to excessive noise from vehicular exhaust systems;

**And that** the above referenced report be **recommended** to Town Council for adoption.

Carried

Sincerely,

Chief Administrative Officer, and  
Secretary, Police Services Board

Attachments: 1. Essex County OPP – Tecumseh Detachment dated June 4, 2020  
2. Municipal Comparison: Excessive Noise – Vehicular Exhaust System