

Excessive Noise – Vehicular Exhaust Systems  
Municipal Comparison

Municipality	Noise By-Law Provisions	Enforcement	Complaint Driven	Special Equipment
Town of Tecumseh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Noise By-Law 2002, 07</a> as amended</li> <li>Section 3 outlines 'No person within the boundary of the municipality shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from an act listed herein, and which sound is clearly audible at a Point of Reception...c) The operation of any combustion engine or pneumatic device without an effective exhaust or intake muffling device in good working order and in constant operation...'</li> </ul>	OPP	Yes	Tecumseh Detachment does not have decibel meter
City of Windsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Noise By-Law 6716</a></li> <li>Following the May 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, Council directed the Noise By-Law to be amended to reflect the recent changes made by the City of Toronto to their noise by-laws</li> </ul> <p>Note: Amendment to By-law in progress by Legal; advised timeframe unknown</p>	<p>Proposed coordinated effort between By-law Enforcement and Windsor Police Service (WPS), including community blitzes</p> <p>As By-Law Enforcement does not have authority to pull vehicles over, currently complaints are forwarded to WPS</p>	Anticipate will be primarily complaint driven; past experience have not received many complaints regarding emission of sound from vehicles	Potentially will obtain a decibel meter which can be costly and requires training on usage, as well as maintenance and calibration
City of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Noise By-Law 591</a></li> <li>Section 2.5 stipulates 'A. No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from unnecessary</li> </ul>	Similar to City of Windsor, By-Law Enforcement will	Yes, as relates to motor vehicles and motorcycles	NET and TPS use decibel meters

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	<p>motor vehicle noise, such as the sounding of a horn, revving of an engine, squealing of tires, banging, clanking or any like sound that is clearly audible at a point of reception. B. No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from the repairing, rebuilding, modifying or testing of a vehicle if the sound is clearly audible at a point of reception from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m. the next day, except until 9 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays. C. No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound from a motorcycle, if the motorcycle emits any sound exceeding 92 dB(A) from the exhaust outlet as measured at 50 cm, while the motorcycle engine is at idle.'</p>	<p>refer motor vehicle noise matters to Toronto Police Service (TPS) to enforce under the Highway Traffic Act</p> <p>The City has established a Noise Enforcement Team (NET) responsible for motorcycle noise</p>	<p>City will be working with TPS on a project-based partnership at pre-arranged dates/locations where TPS, who have authority to pull over suspected loud motorcycles, will direct them to a properly secured location where NET can take measurements to determine compliance</p>	
City of Edmonton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Community Standards By-Law 14600</a></li> <li>• Section 23 stipulates '(1) If a motor vehicle is the cause of any sound that contravenes a provision of this bylaw the owner of that motor vehicle is liable for the contravention. (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the owner, on a balance of probabilities, satisfies the court that, at the time the motor vehicle was involved in the contravention, the owner was not present in the motor vehicle and no other person was operating the motor vehicle with the owner's express or implied consent.'</li> <li>• Sections 19-22 outline the daytime and overnight decibel limits for residential and non-residential</li> </ul>	<p>Under Pilot, EPO were enforcing excessive vehicle noise by looking for vehicles with modified exhaust systems</p> <p>Citizen complaints of loud vehicles are referred to Edmonton Police Service (EPS) who</p>	<p>Historically complaint driven</p> <p>Pilot used predetermined locations to monitor and determine how widespread the issue of vehicle noise is; if characteristics i.e. time of day, location, type of</p>	<p>EPO used noise measuring and camera devices to identify noisy vehicles</p> <p>EPS uses decibel meters</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City implemented a Vehicle Noise Monitoring Pilot (Pilot) whereby Edmonton Peace Officers (EPO) were enforcing excessive vehicle noise by looking for vehicles with modified exhaust systems at various locations; the Pilot results are undergoing a thorough analysis to determine the feasibility, resourcing requirements and issues for long-term enforcement.</li> <li>• Excessive noise thresholds were determined by a number of factors including but not limited to: the impact the noise has on other people in the area, readings from noise monitoring equipment in applicable enforcement locations and officer provided evidence. The fine amount is \$155.</li> <li>• EPO were authorized to conduct traffic stops and ticket drivers for excessive vehicle noise.</li> </ul>	<p>enforce under the provincial Traffic Safety Act</p> <p>Motorcycle noise is referred to EPS</p>	<p>vehicle that may make vehicle noise feel excessive</p>	