

**Budais, Nathalie**

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**To:** Budais, Nathalie  
**Cc:** Michael Kline  
**Subject:** Traffic Noise

Hi Nathalie:

I received your letter regarding traffic noise. There is a fair bit of history behind this issue. In the past I have been in contacted with the City regarding traffic noise., so please give me a call to discuss the background. My direct number is [REDACTED]. Below is some of the information I obtain over the last couple of years.

I spoke with Brian Shalovelo from the Saskatoon City Police, and the Crown Traffic Prosecutor regarding traffic noise enforcement. I was able to obtain the number of conviction for the city of Saskatoon from our system. (see below) The Crown Prosecutor advised he is successful in prosecuting charges. Based on the number of conviction listed below and Saskatoon police service's web site, it appears there is enforcement of the regulations.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/1510805/saskatoon-police-helping-motorcyclists-adhere-to-noise-bylaw/>

[https://saskatoonpolice.ca/pdf/brochures/Noise Bylaw Brochure 5-5x8-5 WEB FINAL.pdf](https://saskatoonpolice.ca/pdf/brochures/Noise%20Bylaw%20Brochure%205-5x8-5%20WEB%20FINAL.pdf)

As you can see the number of tickets are not consistent over the years. This does not necessarily mean the level of enforcement has dropped, police have a few options when enforcing excessive noise violations. They may have chosen other methods, for example, more warnings, withdraw the ticket if the person shows the officer they complied or installed a new muffler. These actions would not be counted in the number of tickets issued.

After reviewing the excessive noise issue what I have found is most jurisdiction have very similar Regulations to Saskatchewan. Moreover, they rely on subjective enforcement. Quebec regulations are very specific : " No component of the system shall have been replaced, removed, added or modified in a way that makes the system noisier or more likely to cause burns compared to the system installed by the motorcycle manufacturer. The exhaust system shall not have a mechanism that prevents exhaust gases from flowing through the muffler." But they still rely on subjective enforcement.

My understanding is after market mufflers are not marked, rated or have marking identifying for which vehicle the muffler was designed. So in the end, a subjective enforcement decision is still required. Also their regulation appears only to address motorcycles and most Provinces and States have chosen not to have a specific excessive noise regulation just for motorcycles.

Having said that, some municipalities, like Edmonton, do have excessive noise bylaws with a SAE approved test which they enforce. Also it's my understanding the City of Saskatoon has a similar bylaw.

The Saskatoon City police website shows enforcement of this similar bylaw.

<http://saskatoonpolice.ca/traffic/>

Base on the above it seems that the City has a good understanding of the issue and the ability to enforce the current regulations.

Below are number of excessive noise convictions SGI has a record of per year in Saskatoon:

2010 - 11

2011 - 6

2012 - 33

2013 - 38

2014 - 19

2015 - 11

2016 - 10

As mentioned above please give me a call so we can discuss further.

Ron

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