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There are many less critical but very important touch points which can make a mediocre city a great one. Saskatoon is becoming plagued with increasing incidents of anti-social driving. There are a growing number of car-truck-motorcycle enthusiasts with low/no restriction mufflers who race their engines to show off their loud vehicles. This can be done while not necessarily speeding, by using a low transmission gear or by shifting to neutral to rev the engine. The resulting noise is especially evident in our downtown core where drivers get a kick out of racing their engines in bridge underpasses. When attending Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan events in the past, my wife and I have never enjoyed an evening without hearing the loud roar of a "Harley" or muscle car on Spadina. The same applies when trying to enjoy a quiet stroll on the MVA trail. These sudden raucous sounds are very annoying for the average person and can be especially unnerving for children and seniors.

This type of narcissist, noise-pollution behavior is totally unwarranted and needs to be curtailed. We have traveled extensively and the more progressive cities in Europe such as London and Paris have anti-social driving laws with indicative signs such as "Anti-social Driving Prohibited" posted in their city centers. Saskatoon strives to portray itself as a forward thinking progressive city so it needs to address this behavior especially in the downtown core where pedestrian traffic abounds. Bylaw 8244 (section 5.1) does not address noise measurement decibels regarding short, intermittent, full-rev bursts of a loud engine. It also does not address the related behavior of those drivers. Thus it would be most reasonable to implement an anti-social driving bylaw (or amendment to bylaw 8244) with related signage entering the downtown core.

Please consider this issue, as the majority of Saskatoon citizens will be most appreciative in making our city more attractive and welcoming.

Your timely response is appreciated.

Attachments:

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