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Subject Re: 7.1.2. Vehicle Noise Update (File No. CK. 375-2)

Meeting (if known) Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

Comments

Hello,

I regret being unable to speak at this meeting as we are out of town. However I have additional comments:

- With respect to specialty or modified vehicles, the key cause of loud vehicle engine muffler noise is less about the vehicle and more about driver behavior. I too own a specialty vehicle and am very conscious of driving it responsibly and respectfully especially in the downtown core, on residential streets and dense pedestrian areas where noise has a high impact. As stated in my previous letter, it is quite easy to curtail a loud vehicle's noise level by driving it in a higher gear at lower engine revs and by not accelerating hard.

- As for solutions, the best opportunity to reduce this type of vehicle noise is to alter driver behavior in the following ways; 1) create and promote an education program which highlights the negative and harmful impact of loud vehicular noise and its affects on the general public, 2) post signage in key areas and entrances to the city's core which indicate "Fines for Anti-social driving", 3) engage the various automotive clubs in the city to be champions and role models of responsible low-noise driving. They could also educate and distribute brochures, pins, etc, at various club events as well as the many special events such as local car show-and-shines, Draggins car show, Cruz weekend, etc. Actions such as this would educate those role models who would create peer pressure which can be a powerful motivator.

We are a growing city striving to be progressive in a world of increasing forms of pollution. Saskatoon residents and ratepayers would welcome less overall vehicular noise pollution with the added side effect of slowing down traffic and making our streets safer.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at: