

Recent Noise Mitigation Approaches in Other Jurisdictions

City of Edmonton

In the summer of 2019, the City of Edmonton undertook an Enforcement Pilot program where peace officers enforced excessive vehicle noise and looked for vehicles with modified exhaust systems. The pilot included the use of existing noise measuring and camera devices to identify noisy vehicles while a peace officer was in attendance.

The results of the pilot program have not yet been reported. The results of the pilot program will be analyzed to determine the feasibility, resourcing requirements and issues to continue this program in the long-term.

City of Winnipeg

The City of Winnipeg is investigating automated 24-hour “noise cameras” to mitigate vehicle noise caused, in part, by Sunday cruise nights. The cameras would capture licence plate data when the volume reaches a certain point.

City of Toronto

In October 2019, the City of Toronto, led by the Medical Officer of Health, established a Noise Action Plan with recommendations for several City divisions and provincial and federal partners, focussed on noise from transportation sources.

In October 2019, the City of Toronto’s new noise bylaw came into effect. A new ‘dedicated noise team’ was also created to enforce the bylaw. The team is equipped with special monitoring devices.

Prior to the new noise bylaw, Toronto Police partnered with the City of Toronto’s Municipal Licensing and Standards unit in an education and enforcement campaign to curb and raise awareness of noise pollution.