

January 24, 2022

Mayor Charlie Clark
City of Saskatoon
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Dear Mayor Charlie Clark:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your December 20, 2021 letter regarding excessive vehicle noise.

Like you, SGI is concerned about excessive vehicle noise and its effect on our communities. As you indicated, SGI initiated a pilot project in Saskatoon to help regulate vehicles with loud exhaust systems. As part of the pilot project, the Saskatoon Police Service were provided the ability to issue an inspection notice requiring a vehicle to have a noise decibel test completed at no cost by an SGI Safety Officer in accordance with technical standards set for light vehicles and motorcycles by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). Failing to pass the noise decibel test may restrict the ability for the owner to register the vehicle if proper repairs were not made. The pilot concluded in October 2021 and SGI is currently conducting a full evaluation prior to making recommendations.

As you also know, outside of the pilot project, Section 279 of *The Traffic Safety Act* gives officers the ability to have any vehicle inspected as they deem necessary, including those with non-compliant, damaged, or bypassed muffling devices. Those inspections are done at an SGI-certified inspection station. If the registered owner does not comply, their vehicle registration is cancelled. Through this partnership, SGI and law enforcement work to ensure all vehicles are maintained to both the safety standards of their vehicle class and to national safety standards required by law.

Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



Don Morgan, Q.C.

cc: Honourable Gordon Wyant, Q.C., Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Andrew R. Cartmell, President and CEO, SGI