

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: June 24, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....

Enforcement Request of Excessive Exhaust Vehicular Noise Levels

WHEREAS muffler-less vehicles and unnecessary noise under the *Highway Traffic Act* are both enforceable by Hamilton Police Service (HPS) for operating a vehicle without a muffler or having a muffler that produces excessive noise (Bill 229 - *Highway Traffic Amendment Act* (Muffler Noise), 2007);

WHEREAS the *Highway Traffic Act* covers both motorcycles and loud cars/trucks;

WHEREAS disturbances caused by Noise Pollution affects the “quality of life” for our residents;

WHEREAS a growing and increasing number of complaints are occurring during the period of COVID-19 due to less volumes of vehicles on the road;

WHEREAS HPS blitzes carried out on the Mountain and in Waterdown during the Summer of 2013 conducted by then Sgt. Myra James were tremendously successful in reducing Excessive Vehicular Noise levels and simultaneously raising awareness of this *Highway Traffic Act* offence; and

WHEREAS Halton Regional Police have conducted successful blitzes in 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City Council respectfully request a Strategic Enforcement of Excessive or Unusual Noise from Motor Vehicles by Hamilton Police Services during the Summer/Fall of 2020;
- (b) That this motion be forwarded to the Hamilton Police Services Board for consideration; and
- (c) That City of Hamilton, Licensing and By-law Services staff work in consultation with Hamilton Police Services to explore a possible partnership between both agencies to work together in conducting Strategic Enforcement of Excessive or

Unusual Noise from Motor Vehicles for education and/or possible enforcement blitz's during the Summer/Fall of 2020.