



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: July 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Excessive Vehicle Noise on Milton Streets

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MOVED BY: John Challinor II

SECONDED BY: Rick Malboeuf

WHEREAS Halton Regional Police Services and other police forces in Ontario and across Canada are hard-pressed, for practical reasons, to effectively deal with drivers of most automobiles and motorcycles who are exceeding municipal, provincial and federal vehicle noise limits;

AND WHEREAS a number of automobiles and motorcycles manufactured today are fitted with original equipment manufacturer exhaust systems or after-market equipment exhaust systems that achieve the legal noise limit in Canada of 96 dB, and possibly more;

AND WHEREAS Health Canada and a number of provincial jurisdictions, including Ontario, do not permit workplace maximum noise levels to exceed 85 dB and advise that hearing loss can begin to occur at 70 dB;

AND WHEREAS vehicle-related noise complaints in the town of Milton, the province of Ontario and municipalities and provinces across Canada are increasing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Milton Mayor Gord Krantz be requested to communicate, on behalf of Milton Council, with Federal Transport Minister, the Honourable Omar Alghabra; and Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, requesting that both give consideration to revising their respective related legislation, i.e., the Government of Canada's Motor Vehicle Regulation and the Government of Ontario's Highway Traffic Act, to lower the maximum noise levels permitted for all vehicles to 85 dB from 96dB as well as increase their fines for disobeying the regulations;

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Minister Alghabra and Minister Mulroney also be requested to give consideration to working with all vehicle manufacturers and vehicle after-market parts manufacturers who export their products into Canada to lower the maximum noise levels permitted for automobiles and motorcycles to 85 dB from 96 dB as soon as is reasonably possible;

AND FINALLY, that this motion be forwarded for their information to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Adam Van Koeverden, Member of Parliament, Milton; the Honourable Parm Gill, Member of Provincial Parliament, Milton; Gary Carr, Chairman, the Regional Municipality of Halton; Scott Pearce, President, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Colin Best, President, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and John Parsons, President, Ontario Good Roads Association.