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| Received Date | June 18, 2024 |
| Meeting Date | June 20, 2024 |
| Open or Closed | Open Session |

Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Prevention of Excessive Noise

Background:

The growth in our community has been transformational. It's enabled the city to get out from behind a difficult financial position, it's supported private investment in our local economy and it's driven transformational recreation and cultural investments in our community. Growth, however, comes with its challenges, housing and mental health should be the main focus of governments at every level. This also means taking the time to address some of the smaller quality of life challenges we face.

In this case, its time to take on the enforcement of our noise by-law, specifically as it relates to muffling devices on vehicles. It seems increasingly often sitting on a patio, walking down the street, just being in your home gets interrupted by a loud improperly muffled vehicle. Enforcement of our existing by-law is difficult; it takes police on scene and evidence collected for enforcement. A pilot project that collects decibel readings, records evidence and enforces our existing by law could supporting curbing these unnecessary noises.

Motion:

That the Public Safety Committee request an update on enforcement of By-Law M-22, Respecting the Prevention of Excessive Noise from Saint John Police at its next meeting.

That the Public Safety Committee request a pilot project introducing decibel monitoring as a means of further enforcing the noise by law.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Received via email)

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