

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER DATE: 1992 SEPTEMBER 01  
FROM: ACTING CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
SUBJECT: NOISE FROM UNMUFFLED VEHICLES  
PURPOSE: TO INFORM COUNCIL OF EXISTING LEGISLATION TO CONTROL  
NOISE FROM UNMUFFLED VEHICLES

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Calvert R. Broomfield, 5361 Portland Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 2R3.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

At the regular Council Meeting on 1992 August 10, correspondence was received from Mr. Calvert R. Broomfield, regarding a Bylaw which regulates noise from unmuffled vehicles in San Diego, California, U.S.A. Mr. Broomfield, in his correspondence, further suggested that a similar Bylaw be adopted in Burnaby.

The following report provides Council with information obtained by staff in discussing this issue with officials from San Diego Clerk's Department and reviews the adequacy of existing legislation to deal with the subject issue.

2.0 NOISE FROM UNMUFFLED VEHICLES:

Staff's review of the San Diego Municipal Code relating to Sound Level Limits has revealed that there is no specific section relating to noise control from unmuffled vehicles.

Furthermore, according to the discussions with officials from San Diego Clerk's Department, staff have been informed that Imperial County located outside San Diego may have such a Bylaw. The intent of the Bylaw would be to keep the sand dune buggies off the road. These dune buggies often have no mufflers or exhaust systems and have the spark arresters removed creating a potential for emitting of sparks and flames from the engine manifold.

In reviewing the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act enforced by the R.C.M.P., it has been noted that Sections 7A.01 and 7.03(5) adequately deal with noise from unmuffled vehicles.

The subject issue has been discussed with Mr. Broomfield and he is satisfied with the action taken by staff on this issue.

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3.0 CONCLUSION:

Staff's review regarding noise control from unmuffled vehicles has revealed that the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act enforced by the R.C.M.P. adequately addresses this issue.

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Mr. Broomfield has been informed on this issue and he is satisfied with the action taken by staff.



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