

**Date:** 2023-07-17

**Subject:** **Introduction of Decibel Sound Limits into Public Nuisance By-law 136-2018**

**Contact:** **Peter Fay, City Clerk, Legislative Services**

**Report Number:** Legislative Services-2023-627

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report from P. Fay, City Clerk, re. **Introduction of Decibel Sound Limits into Public Nuisance By-law 136-2018**, dated July 17, 2023, to the City Council special meeting of July 31, 2023, be received;
2. That an amendment to Public Nuisance By-law 136-2018, as amended, to introduce decibel sound limits for enforcement purposes, as substantially set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be adopted.

**Overview:**

- **In June 2023, when Council adopted amendments to various by-laws to better regulate nuisance vehicular and power device noises and emissions, a request was also made to integrate a decibel-based sound limit of 92 dBA for vehicles on public roadways for law enforcement purposes.**
- **This report proposes an amendment to the Public Nuisance By-law to facilitate Peel Regional Police enforcement of excessively noisy vehicles on public roadways.**

**Background:**

In June 2023, in response to a request from Council, [staff reports](#) were presented to Council to propose amendments to various City by-laws to regulate motor vehicle noise and power device nuisance noise and emissions. Council adopted amendments to the following by-laws to implement and enforce Council's decision:

- Public Nuisance By-law 136-2018
- Administrative Penalties (Non-Parking) By-law 218-2019
- Business Licensing By-law 332-2013

Council also requested further by-law amendments to introduce a decibel sound limit of 92 dBA for enforcement purposes.

This report proposes an amendment to the Public Nuisance by-law to introduce a decibel sound limit of 92 dBA for enforcement purposes on City roads.

### **Current Situation:**

The proposed amendment to Public Nuisance By-law 136-2018 introduces a decibel sound limit of 92 dBA, as requested by Council. This threshold level was referenced at the June 28 Council meeting. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the proposed by-law amendment. The proposed amendment can facilitate Peel Regional Police enforcement of nuisance sound limits for vehicles on a public roadway. It is recommended that Council enact the proposed by-law amendment.

### **Corporate Implications:**

#### Financial Implications:

There are no immediate financial implications from the recommendations contained in this report. The City has access to an existing sound meter to measure decibel sound limits, when required for enforcement.

Other Implications: nil

### **Strategic Focus Area:**

This report furthers the Strategic Focus Area of Health & Well-being by implementing City by-laws better regulating excessive nuisance noise sources to focus on an individual's health, wellness, and safety.

### **Conclusion:**

As requested by Council, this report recommends the introduction of a decibel sound limit of 92 dBA, for enforcement purposes, within the Public Nuisance By-law.

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**Attachments:**

Appendix 1 – Draft By-law Amendment to Public Nuisance By-law 136-2018