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Item No. 1
Halifax Regional Council
18 October 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police

DATE: September 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Petition Submitted by Councillor McCluskey, Motorcycle Noise

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

During the August 16, 2010 meeting of Regional Council, Item 10.2.1 Petitions, Councillor McCluskey submitted a petition of 70 signatures on behalf of the residents requesting, **“that HRM enforce By-law N-200 Respecting Noise, in order to stop excessive motorcycle noise.”**

BACKGROUND

In response to the above request, staff reviewed both the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act and HRM By-law N-200 Respecting Noise legislation. The Motor Vehicle Act addresses violations regarding vehicular traffic. The legislation does not currently empower municipalities to enforce the types of activities which result in motorcycle noise. Municipalities have requested enabling legislation to provide these powers. During the review, staff learned the Provincial Government has created a committee to rewrite the Motor Vehicle Act. It is our understanding consideration is being given to provide the powers to enforce motorcycle noise through the rewrite process.

DISCUSSION

Halifax Regional Police have a representative working with the Provincial Government through the Motor Vehicle Rewrite Committee. It was confirmed on September 13 and 19, 2011 with members of the Provincial Government who serve on the Motor Vehicle Rewrite Committee that the proposed legislation is slated to be before the Legislative Assembly in the Spring of 2012.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The subject of the report is being addressed through a Committee of the Provincial Government.

ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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