

# DVP Noise

My office often receives complaints of excessive vehicular noise in the Don Valley Parkway and Lawrence Ave. East area.

What I thought should be an easy problem to address has proven anything but! I assumed the core issue was motorcycles racing on the Don Valley Parkway and using the unique Lawrence cloverleaf exit as part of a “racetrack”.

Unfortunately, **there are numerous issues currently preventing a satisfactory outcome to this important quality of life issue:**

1. The outdated City Bylaw only prescribes noise measurement when a vehicle is idling.
2. The Bylaw only covers motorcycles, although more than half of the complaints stem from cars with modified muffler systems. Aftermarket systems can program the noise level, which adds complexity to enforcement activities.
3. Municipal Licensing Officers don't have the authority to stop vehicles, so any enforcement must be done in conjunction with Toronto Police – limiting the City's ability to provide regular enforcement.

Although new technology piloted in Edmonton allows officers to point a “noise gun” and take a picture of the offending vehicle's licence plate, more work is needed due to the legal requirements of burden of proof. And, of course, this technology must be approved by the Province.

On the good news front, **City Council will have the opportunity to update the Bylaw in January** to include all motor vehicles and additional scenarios under which noise can be measured.

I will keep working to reduce noise levels so that we can enjoy a quieter community.

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A lucky resident dunked me on the first throw at our Canada Day BBQ.



DMRI President John Cockerill and the DMRI Executive invited me to their annual social.



Vic Village residents: Shirley Armstrong, Bruno Petralito and Anastasia Petropoulos.