

RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR INQUIRY / SUGGESTION

COUNCILLOR SWENDSEID

Councillor Swendseid provided an inquiry regarding an update on the noise attenuation pilot project.

Estimated Administrative Time to Respond



Under 4 hours (no motion required)



Over 4 hours (motion required) Estimated Hours: n/a

Motion

n/a

Response

Traffic enforcement (speeding) and noise have been identified as key priorities by Council for 2025. This focus is reinforced by findings from the recent Public Safety Survey, which highlighted these issues as significant concerns affecting both public safety and the overall quality of life in the community.

To support these priorities, interdepartmental collaboration is underway between Okotoks Municipal Enforcement (OME) and the Community Engagement (CE) team. Together, they are working to raise awareness about speed and noise concerns and enhance existing "Shared Responsibility" messaging.

Actions Undertaken – Q1 2025:

- All officers have completed traffic safety training.
- Existing speed enforcement equipment is being used to identify and monitor high-priority areas within town.
- The purchase and implementation of a Noise Attenuation Device is under review.
- Public education initiatives are underway to raise awareness about speed and noise concerns.

Planned Initiatives – Q2 2025:

- Targeted education campaigns addressing:
 - Updates to the Traffic Bylaw
 - Noise regulations under the Community Standards Bylaw
 - The *Alberta Traffic Safety Act* and implications of generating objectionable noise
- Installation of signage, including electronic signs, at key locations throughout the community.

- Clear information for residents on how to report noise complaints.

The Town remains committed to addressing speed and noise concerns as key public safety priorities, and Administration will continue to monitor community feedback and enforcement outcomes resulting from this initiative.

Attachment(s)

n/a

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