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Dear Marc Lemoine:

Thank you for your September 27, 2022 and May 27, 2022 letters to the Honourable Eileen Clarke, Minister of Municipal Relations, requesting that Manitoba consider legislative changes to allow for the use of photo enforcement for motor vehicle noise infractions. Your letters were forwarded to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure and I am pleased to respond on behalf of the department.

The department recognizes that excess vehicle noise is a concern for Winnipeg residents and council, and that enforcement remains challenging. However, at this time, there is insufficient evidence from other jurisdictions that have completed noise-radar trials to conclude that the current technology could be successfully implemented in Manitoba. Therefore, as previously communicated to the City of Winnipeg on November 8, 2021, there are no current plans to expand the use of photo enforcement to allow for the automated enforcement of excess vehicle noise. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure will continue to monitor the results of ongoing trials of automated enforcement in other jurisdictions and may reconsider our position when or if evidence supports its effective use.

In response to the City of Winnipeg Council's concerns regarding excess vehicle noise, I can advise that the department is currently exploring opportunities to make regulatory changes related to excessive noise. Departmental staff have been in contact with law enforcement, including the Winnipeg Police Service, to discuss potential changes to fines for non-compliance with specific vehicle equipment requirements, such as illegal vehicle modifications that increase vehicle noise (i.e. modified mufflers). Increasing fines for repeat vehicle equipment infractions, including modifications that generate excess vehicle noise, are being considered.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure will continue to work with our law enforcement and municipal partners to find alternative solutions to combat excess vehicle noise. Thank you again for your correspondence and for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Sarah Thiele
Deputy Minister

c: Honourable Doyle Piwniuk, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Honourable Eileen Clarke, Minister of Municipal Relations
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