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CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws
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Attention: Nadine Seifert

Dear Nadine,

Although our Committee realise that the close of submissions for public comment regarding off-road motorbike noise has formally closed, we are never the less keen to document some of the comments that we hear on a continual basis at our meetings.

The Edmonton Police Community Consultative Committee has been meeting regularly since 1991.

1. Motorbikes (trail bikes) are continually using the sealed pathways behind the houses along the drainage reserves in the residential areas. Parents often will not use these when taking their babies in prams and toddlers on the tricycles for fear of being hit by a rider. These riders are often very young and lack experience.
2. The motorbikes are very noisy, even if they are being ridden at low speed.
3. They use these residential areas to access the open lower hillside areas in our suburbs.
4. They also use the unsealed drainage areas, in particular the Mulgrave Central Mill tramline which is also backed onto by residential housing.
5. When the local Police are contacted, they can only respond if they are not investigating other matters of Crime & Safety.
6. Most incidents occur during School Holidays, after School Hours and on weekends.

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7. **Although local Police Officers have access to trail bikes, these can only be ridden if that station has them on site, and if the Officer has been suitably trained. We believe all Officers should be trained, and a Trail Bike should be on site at all Local Stations, at all times.**
8. **The local Council have responded by placing signs "No Motorbikes" in those areas of most concern. These signs have even had to be erected in local parks. The signage is ignored. The Mulgrave Central Mill have erected gate barriers on their tramlines at various locations, but in many instances these are smashed or avoided.**
9. **We believe that parents need to be more responsible, and take their youngsters to designated riding areas. If transport of the motorcycle is a problem for parents, we believe that secure lockup storage at the riding location, could be provided so that parents could car pool the youngsters to the site. We believe emergency access needs to be provided to the site.**

Yours sincerely,

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