

Petition to ban Oakville Noise By-Law

Petition summary and background	<p>The Oakville Noise By-law was passed on December 19th 2011 and will take effect on July 1st 2012.</p> <p>Under the by-law, a motorcycle cannot be operated in Oakville if it emits any sound exceeding 92 dBA (decibels) from the exhaust outlet as measured at 50 centimetres by means of a sound level meter while the motorcycle is idling.</p> <p>The by-law also says a one, two, five or six-cylinder motorcycle cannot be driven in Oakville if its noise exceeds 96 dBA (at 2,000 RPM). A three or four-cylinder motorcycle cannot be driven if its noise exceeds 100 dBA (at 5,000 RPM).</p> <p>Minimum fine of \$400 to a maximum fine of \$25,000 for the first offence. The maximum fine for any subsequent offence is \$50,000.</p>
Action petitioned for	<p>We, Oakville's motorcycle owners, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now and ban the noise by-law for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By-law is discriminatory as only motorcycles are being singled-out, targeted. ▪ Testing tools and procedures have proven to be improper and inadequate. ▪ The testing process can take up to 2 hours. ▪ Businesses in towns where by-law exists will be impacted financially as fewer motorcyclists will venture there. ▪ Motorcyclists will reconsider their involvement in charity/fundraising organized rides.

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