

OPTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS: Enforcement Strategy for Excessive Noise in Strathcona County

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Options

Enforcement Services suggests four options for Council consideration:

1. Status Quo
2. Status Quo with Education/Prevention program emphasis
3. Three-Phase Enhanced Approach
4. Adopt City of Edmonton approach



Status Quo

Current process involves:

- Utilizing provincial legislation for enforcement of vehicle violations.
- Utilizing Noise Control Bylaw 66-99 for the enforcement of all other noise violations.
- Await outcome of AUMA resolution.



Status Quo with Education/Prevention Phase

- Enforcement Services will continue using provincial and municipal legislation to enforce noise violations.
- Implement an Education and Prevention Program as defined under the three-phased enhanced approach.



Three-Phase Enhanced Approach

1. Education/Prevention Phase

- Rural and urban off-site education programs and utilizing media for proper messaging.

2. Enforcement Phase

- Using digital decibel readers to enhance enforcement strategies.
- Minimal cost of \$2,175.56 for purchase of 22 readers.

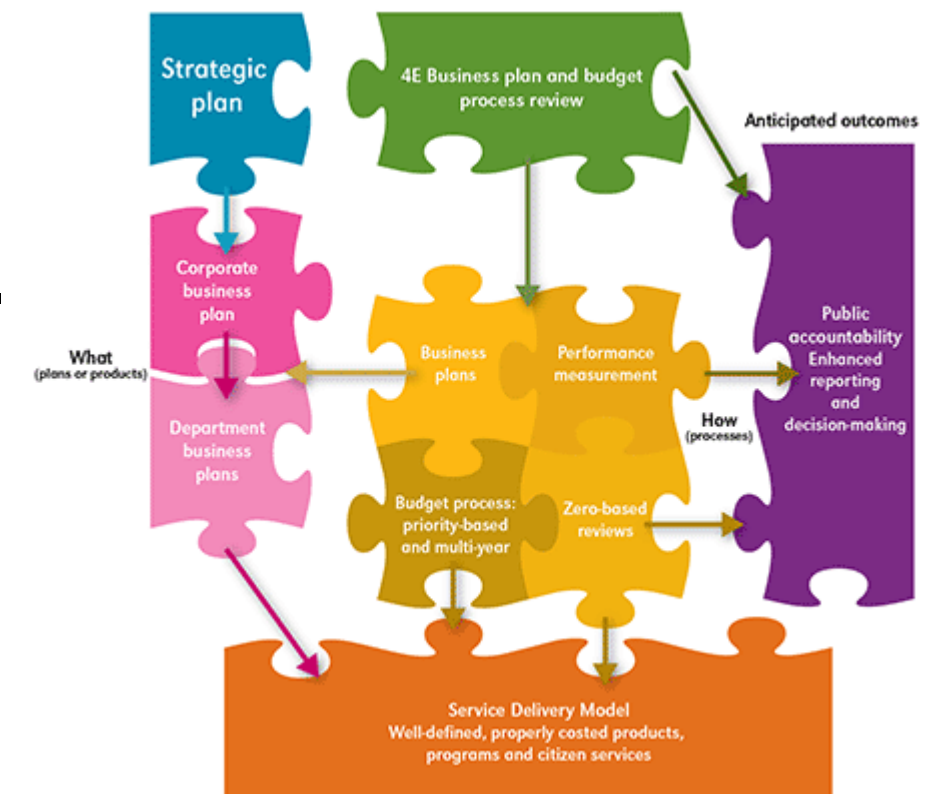
3. Prosecution Phase

- Enhanced evidence and testimony training for Enforcement Services personnel.



Budget Implications

- Supports quartile one program: proactive policing.
- \$2,175.56 cost for 22 decibel readers.
- Cost savings of over \$20,000 over EPS process.
- Provincial Crown will prosecute instead of external County prosecutor.
- Minimal impact on residents during testing.



Adopt Edmonton's Program

- Restructure Bylaw 66-99 with the addition of set decibel level tolerances for noise in Strathcona County.
- Additional costs of \$25,000 for equipment and ongoing costs for maintenance and training.
- Use of County prosecutors with additional costs incurred.



Questions?

