

Briefing Note

Title	Use of Engine Retarder Brakes (Jake Brakes) Within Sturgeon County
Issue	Request to review the use of engine retarder brakes in residential areas of Sturgeon County.
Previous Council Direction	September 12, 2017 - Motion 384/17: That Administration research and bring forward a recommendation to Council in Q1 of 2018 regarding restricting the use of jake brakes in residential areas of Sturgeon County.
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A motion was passed on September 12, 2017 requesting Administration to bring forward a recommendation regarding restricting the use of jake brakes in residential areas of Sturgeon County.• Upon review, Enforcement staff concluded that a bylaw regarding use of Engine Retarder Brakes already exists, Bylaw 844/98.• While reviewing enforcement files, complaints surrounding the use of Engine Retarder Brakes specifically were found to be extremely rare. From an enforcement point of view, it is not deemed to be an issue given the lack of complaints raised.• However, the bylaw in place does call for signage indicating where use of Engine Retarder Brakes is prohibited. Currently within Sturgeon County on roadways under the County's authority, it is not believed that any areas are actually signed.• Enforcement Staff will work with Transportation to determine locations that warrant such signage and have applicable signs erected, i.e., heavier populated areas near roadways such as Sturgeon Valley, Villeneuve and Cardiff.• A review of the County Traffic Bylaw is part of Protective Services' 2018 Department Business plan, at which time it is planned to include the provision, use of and prohibition of Engine Retarder Brakes where signed, within it, allowing for the current older bylaw, By-law 844/98, to be repealed.

	<p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaw 844/98
Implication	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – The matter is consistent with regular inquiries and review of bylaws in place.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>No effect. Enforcement will continue to monitor and enforce bylaw where deemed necessary while in place. Collaboration on signage with Transportation will be carried out in upcoming weeks.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>Any associated costs will be part of regular operating budgets.</p>
Follow Up Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enforcement will work Transportation on need for signage. 2. Item will be considered in review of Traffic Bylaw as per Protective Services 2018 Department Business Plan.
Attachment (s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bylaw 844/98
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