

Dear Paul Mills and Council Members,

I am a resident of Mulmur on the south bank of the Pine River. I have been noticing a sharp increase in the amount of motorcycle activity each summer and am very concerned about the trend.

First and foremost there is considerable racing in the section from north 10th line and I think the situation is getting dangerous. Secondly, the noise levels are getting unacceptable. I am fairly set back and the noise is almost constant on the weekends. The residents along the roads must be particularly distressed. Since the paving of second line there is a loop that out-of-town bikers like to use. This loop has made its way onto various enthusiast sites causing an influx of large groups of bikers.

As a former biker myself I appreciate a country ride as much as anyone. However

when constant groups of 6-10 bikes are riding together the noise problems for residents is terrible. Exacerbating the situation is the fact that there is a significant number that do not have proper exhaust systems such as modified Harley's and sport bikes.

I have watched as friends of mine have been forced to move out of the forks of the credit due to the same problem. The community has responded but putting in noise abatement rules and rumble strips on key parts of the route. Unfortunately they responded too little and too late and property values have been severely affected. The traffic that used to go there has moved on to other areas such as ours and the rise of internet sites rating various alternatives has made the phenomenon more dramatic.

Here is one example: <http://www.adventuremotorcyclerroutes.ca/terra-nova-ontario/>

Notice even the demo video is over the speed limit and in areas where people come out of their driveways. Also notice the comments (which have been attached at the

end of this letter).

Here are various posted videos of bikes speeding and nearly missing cars along the route.

The first video shows speeds in excess of 180km:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZPnOSFLUKU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnBZ32gdduY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nm-DG0um6w>

In my view this is a small issue that we can get out in front of which is much preferable to having to fix it after the fact. The number of for sale signs along 2nd line and

river road is an early indication of what is likely to happen if left unchecked.

I think this can be done while preserving the rights of all involved.

I would propose investigating some combination of:

- Noise abatement by-laws for illegal exhaust pipes.
- Increased fines for speeding
- Possibly traffic calming in certain sections.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
Greg Boland

Bill

September 7, 2012 at 4:14 pm

People who live in Mulmur on River Road are fed up with all the motorcycle traffic/NOISE. Most people move to this area because they want to get away from the hussle and NOISE of the city. Because of sites like yours, the NOISE and pollution of the city has come to Mulmur. Next time you are riding through Mulmur, try to think of all the residents who wish you would ride somewhere else. Why don't you trade in your motorcycle for a bicycle. Then, we would welcome you with open arms.

reply

77_Ironhead

April 23, 2013 at 1:39 am

Last time i checked you don't own the road, just because you live in the town people enjoy riding through, doesn't give you the right to be a dick to this guy! You know what i think i will take my nice LOUD, near DEAFENING HARLEY DAVIDSON for a ride through MULMUR tomorrow! Thanks!

reply