



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Public Works and Transportation Committee      **Date:** April 30, 2021  
**From:** Lloyd Bie, P.Eng.  
 Director, Transportation      **File:** 12-8060-02-01/2021-Vol 01  
**Re:** **Report Back on Traffic Bylaw No. 5870 Amendments - Engine Brakes and Cyclist Crosswalk Regulations**

### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "Report Back on Traffic Bylaw No. 5870 Amendments - Engine Brakes and Cyclist Crosswalk Regulations" dated April 30, 2021, from the Director, Transportation, be received for information.

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<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> 	<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 

## Staff Report

### Origin

At the June 22, 2020 Council meeting, the following resolution was adopted on consent:

- (4) *That Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 10184 and Municipal Ticket Information Authorization No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 10185 be reviewed in 12 months' time.*

This report provides the requested review.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

*Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.*

*1.4 Foster a safe, caring and resilient environment.*

### Analysis

#### Review of Bylaw Amendments

Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 10184, to prohibit the use of engine brakes on municipal roads in Richmond and permit cyclists to ride in crosswalks with elephant's feet markings received final adoption on July 13, 2020. At the same time, Municipal Ticket Information Authorization No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 10185, to assign a fine for the prohibited use of engine brakes on municipal roads in Richmond, also received final adoption.

Over the past year, Richmond RCMP did not undertake any joint enforcement with City Bylaws specifically for engine brakes. The RCMP has been prioritizing safety enforcement of the provincial health orders and traffic safety over noise-related complaints during the COVID pandemic. During this time, neither staff nor Richmond RCMP recorded any engine brake noise complaints. However, one complaint regarding the use of engine brakes was received by a Councillor. Staff are also not aware of any concerns with respect to permitting cyclists to ride in crosswalks with elephant's feet without the need to post signage at those locations.

#### Financial Impact

None.

#### Conclusion

Staff will continue to monitor any concerns related to the use of engine brakes or permitting cyclists to ride in crosswalks with elephant's feet and, should any be received, will respond appropriately.



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