

Anita LONGO

Subject: FW: Deputation Request: Community Concern Regarding Enforcement Targeting Modified Vehicles

Good Morning
Thank you for getting back to me with this information.

Subject: Deputation Request to Address Concerns of Local Businesses and the Automotive Community

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am reaching out to formally request the opportunity to make a deputation to the board. My goal is to provide an overview of the concerns faced by local businesses and the automotive community regarding recent enforcement actions targeting modified vehicles. As a local business owner, I am deeply aware of the impact that these enforcement practices have on the economy, employees, and car enthusiasts who contribute positively to our community.

The primary concerns include:

1. Impact on Local Businesses:

Employees and businesses are adversely affected by steep fines that force individuals to make difficult choices, affecting their financial stability and their ability to support local commerce.

2. Enforcement Practices:

Current measures seem disproportionately focused on modified vehicles, even when the modifications may not compromise public safety. The approach taken has often been punitive, lacking clear guidelines, warnings, or proper measurement tools.

3. Community and Economic Effects:

The economic ripple effect from fines reduces spending at local businesses and can disrupt work schedules. Moreover, the enforcement impacts older car enthusiasts who support community events, further affecting local charitable initiatives. To bridge the gap between enforcement policies and community interests, I propose a meeting with Traffic Officer C. Dicresce and relevant stakeholders prior to the 2025 car meet season and our charity fundraiser. Including the DRPS in these discussions and events would help clarify expectations, raise awareness, and build trust within the community. We value the role of the DRPS and believe that through collaboration, we can develop an approach that prioritizes public safety while supporting local businesses and the automotive community. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing this conversation to set up a meeting. Thank you again for your time and commitment to fostering constructive dialogue.

Best regards,
Jason Bowen Owner,
Trim Tech Interiors and Glass

Subject: Concerns Regarding Enforcement Targeting Modified Vehicles

Dear To Whom it may Concern.

I am reaching out as a local business owner to express my concerns regarding recent enforcement measures targeting modified vehicles in our area. I believe these actions, while likely intended to improve public safety, have significant implications for local businesses, the broader community, and the individuals impacted.

1. Impact on Local Businesses:

Many small businesses, like mine, are facing challenges with staffing as it is, and our employees rely on personal vehicles to commute to work on time. These enforcement actions disproportionately affect younger employees who drive less expensive vehicles that may need work but are essential for their livelihoods. By imposing steep fines, which can equate to a week or more of their income, these individuals are forced into difficult choices—between paying rent, putting food on the table, and contributing to the local economy.

2. Concerns with Enforcement Practices:

The approach being taken appears to focus on modified cars, even if these modifications do not necessarily compromise public safety. Furthermore, in many instances, it seems like enforcement may be more about issuing fines than genuinely addressing unsafe vehicle modifications. Pulling people over without proper measurement tools for noise or tint levels, along with no warnings or detailed explanations of fines, creates a scenario that feels punitive rather than corrective.

3. Community Safety:

As a business owner, I fully understand and support enforcing laws that protect community safety. However, I believe there should be a focus on ensuring fair and consistent enforcement, with a specific emphasis on genuinely dangerous modifications. Our community deserves an enforcement approach that prioritizes safety in a balanced way without unduly penalizing vehicle owners who may simply have cosmetic or minor modifications.

4. Concerns of Older Car Enthusiasts: This enforcement not only impacts younger drivers but also older car enthusiasts who are concerned about fines when they participate in local events, cruise nights, or charity gatherings. These individuals bring significant value to the community, attending events that support small businesses and boost the local economy. Our annual charity car show, for example, depends on the support of local businesses and the automotive community. Without their participation, we would not have been able to raise and donate over \$40,000 to charitable causes, and similar events in the area also depend on the support of car enthusiasts and small businesses.

5. Economic Ripple Effect:

The fines issued have a ripple effect on the local economy. Employees who receive these fines often cannot spend money at local businesses, reducing their ability to contribute to the community. They

may also need to take days off work to address or fight the charges, affecting both their employment stability and the local business operations that rely on them. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have an open discussion about these issues.

Please contact Jason, who runs Trim Tech Interiors on Taunton, west of Simcoe. Jason is well-informed on these matters and can provide further insight into how this type of enforcement impacts not only our business but others in the area. Our goal is to ensure that enforcement is effective, fair, and beneficial to the community as a whole. We would welcome a conversation to better understand the expectations of DRPS for car enthusiasts and to ensure a balanced approach to these enforcement efforts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to a constructive dialogue.

Kind regards,
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Subject Community Concern

Adam,

Please contact Jason attached to this email. Jason runs Trimtech interiors on Taunton west of Simcoe. He would like to discuss the type and level of enforcement of conducted by our traffic safety officer in and around his business.

Jason fully understands that the HTA has offences related to modified cars and many of them are safety related. However, he would like to discuss the targeting of his clients and employees as it relates to his auto business and other small business es in the area.

He hopes that you can have a discussion with him so that the community can be better informed about the expectations of the DRPS for car enthusiasts, as well as, to ensure that the offences that are being implemented are fairly applied to all community members not just the car enthusiasts.

Thanks in advance for reach out to Jason.

Regards
Ryan Peacocke

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