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Noise bylaw for 'whiners'

Councillors put off making a decision on whether to implement new regulations

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City council has voted to defer until early next year any decisions on a new bylaw that would limit noise from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day.

The issue proved too contentious on Tuesday to tackle, as several councillors voiced concerns about the bylaw and its impact on quality of life and the activities that many Sudburians enjoy.

"I am not happy whatsoever about the section that deals with motorsports," Ward 3 Coun. Gerry Montpeller began. "I believe a lot of this is designed by whiners. It's time the city of Sudbury stands up to these whiners — this handful of whiners."

Montpeller, incensed by the idea of the bylaw, noted the city is trying to start a motorsport park, but said the bylaw seems at odds with those efforts.

"What kind of a message are we sending," he asked, noting the bylaw could dissuade people from visiting Sudbury for races or rallies.

The city recently conducted a survey of residents and found that 41 per cent are uneasy with the noise levels in their neighbourhoods.

"Overall, 53 per cent of respondents have no concerns about noise in their area and 41 per cent identified that they have noise-related concerns," a staff report indicates. "Survey results suggest that the sounds most often identified as unwelcome noise are music, television and loud voices at a residence, parties at a residence, barking dogs and motorcycle, dirt bike, snowmobile and other recreational vehicle noise."

In the commentary section, other sounds identified by citizens as being unwelcome included film crews, fireworks, floatplanes, railway and train noises and whistles, truck engine brakes and wind chimes.

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Dave Cooney snowmobiles on Ramsey Lake in this file photo. Some city councillors fear a new noise bylaw, if implemented, would kill such activities in Greater Sudbury.

CAPREOL CHILLS AND THRILLS



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Cody Cacciotti, operations manager for the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre, checks out one of the displays on the Terror Train 6077 in Capreol on Wednesday. The Terror Train begins this Friday and runs every Friday to Sunday from 7-10 p.m. until Oct. 30. For more information go to www.norhtic.ca.

Thief surprises sleeping RV owner

'If our laws were more like those to the south, you probably wouldn't be standing here today'

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THE SUDBURY STAR

When Nicholas Parri broke into a recreational vehicle parked in a Jacob Street driveway in Lively about 3:15 a.m. Aug. 25, he got a big surprise: the homeowner was sleeping inside.

The awakened man wrestled with Parri, who pulled out a folding knife from his pants pocket. The homeowner then tightened his grip on Parri, causing him to drop the knife.

Parri broke free and fled, but was later arrested by Greater Sudbury Police.

On Wednesday, Parri, 22, pleaded guilty to break and enter with intent, breach of probation, and possession of a dangerous weapon.

"This was a pretty dangerous situation for you and the homeowner at that time of the day," Ontario Court Justice Robert Villeneuve told Parri, who was standing in the prisoner's box.

"You're lucky he wasn't hurt and more importantly for you, you weren't hurt. If our laws were more like those to the south, you probably wouldn't be standing here today."

Villeneuve, accepting a joint sentencing submission from the Crown and defence lawyer Jacob Gauthier, gave Parri a six-month jail sentence, one year of probation, which includes the conditions Parri have no contact with the residents of the Jacob Street property and not have knives except for meals or work purposes.

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Truck found near city linked to fatal hit-run

Eldery woman killed in Montreal on Sunday

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POSTMEDIA NETWORK

A truck and driver located east of Sudbury on Monday may be linked to a fatal hit-and-run case in Montreal.

Charges have been filed in Montreal in connection with the death of Zélia Ponte Araujo, a 79-year-old woman who was killed on Sunday after being struck by a driver who left the scene.

The three charges are laid out in an arrest warrant filed at the Montreal courthouse on against Steven Harley Pinnell, a 33-year-old resident of Sault Ste. Marie. The same man was arrested

Monday in Markstay-Warren after he was pulled over by police while driving a Chevrolet Silverado.

The police suspect the same vehicle was involved in Araujo's death.

Members of the Sudbury and Noelville detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police pulled the driver over while responding to traffic complaints a driver was swerving on Highway 17 at around 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Pinnell was placed under arrest after police realized the vehicle had been reported as stolen in the Montreal area.

The three charges listed in the warrant filed at the Montreal courthouse allege that Pinnell was behind the wheel of the Silverado when Araujo was killed. He is accused of "having caused the death of Zélia Araujo knowing that (she) died or being

reckless as to whether her death would result" from having been struck. The charge comes with a maximum life sentence upon conviction.

Another charge alleges that Pinnell stole the Silverado from an undisclosed location in Montreal sometime from Sept. 20 to Sept. 26.

A third charge alleges he was in possession of the stolen vehicle for roughly a week.

Pinnell is currently charged in an Ontario court with being in possession of stolen property, six counts of breaching probation, driving while his licence was suspended and reckless driving.

He was ordered to remain detained for a future bail hearing in Ontario. The warrant issued in Montreal makes no mention of when he is expected to make his first



Zélia Ponte Araujo

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appearance at the Montreal courthouse.

A driver struck Araujo on Sunday while she was crossing St-Urbain St., near Mont-Royal Ave. in the Plateau-Mont-Royal borough.

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