



Noise Bylaw Review

LAST CHANCE TO HELP REDUCE EXCESSIVE NOISE!

On Tuesday, February 6, City Council will be approving recommendations for the Noise Bylaw Review.

Excessive noise is a health issue. As the City grows and changes, noise issues are changing. Addressing these issues in the City must be an important ongoing, important and multifaceted endeavour.

See *EC9.5 Implementation of the Noise Bylaw Review* with additional motions made by the Economic and Community Development Committee on January 11 at <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EC9.5>.

But more changes are needed

- **Send your letter to Council by Sunday, February 4 to councilmeeting@toronto.ca.**
- **Copy your Councillor.** (To find your Councillor see <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/council/members-of-council/>.)

The Toronto Noise Coalition recommends the following additional improvements.

IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF NOISE BY LAW REGULATIONS BY

1. Making noise maker must be responsible for impacting others with excessive noise, where possible by measuring noise at source or at the property line in the case of amplified sound but at the point of reception such as at an open window in the case of Residential Air Conditioners/Stationary Sources.
2. Reducing some currently permitted noise levels for motorcycle exhausts from 92/96 dB(A) to 81/85 dB(A) and reduce indoor and outdoor noise levels to 45dB outdoors and 35dB indoors.
3. Requiring that Bylaw measures to eliminate the excessive noise and pollution from gas powered leaf blowers will be recommended in the upcoming report.
4. Adding new regulations to reduce excessive noise from party boats in the Harbour and on the Lake.
5. Eliminating the exemption to the Noise Bylaw for night garbage collection.

MAKE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES BY

1. Requesting the Province for permission to make use of broadband back-up beepers that are much quieter than the ones currently used for construction sites and garbage trucks, etc.
2. Requesting the Province for permission to make use of: Noise cameras as an effective way to measure vehicular noise such as noise from modified mufflers, use for monitoring sound from party boats, street noise, etc.
3. Investigating ways to reduce unnecessarily high noise levels of current sirens.

MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF OTHER CITY RESOURCES BY

1. Continuing to explore ways that the other City Divisions and other organizations to make our City quieter including;
 - Public Health to provide information on reducing harmful impacts of noise,
 - Planning to help ensure new developments build in provisions for limiting excessive noise, such as provision of enclosed garbage collection rooms in high rise residential developments,
 - Buildings to help make quieter buildings with better sound insulation,
 - Police Services.
2. Requesting the Courts to hear noise related cases in a more timely way.
3. Making use of other tools such as the new Noise control plans now approved for the new noisy night economy uses in relation to Noise Bylaw requirement.

CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BY

1. Ensuring members of the public are ongoing partner in in making our City quieter by;
 - Continuing to improve the provision of information to the public,
 - Including advice for residents as to how to address issues from noisy neighbours,
 - Providing for an ongoing consultation process to monitor progress and address new issues that will arise that involves residents, businesses and noise makers,
 - Ensuring exemption permits are posted on site to inform neighbours.

CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES BY

1. Making many more improvements including
 - Adding more inspectors in this year's budget,
 - Continuing to improve the 311 services to provide more timely and relevant information,
 - Adding night-time enforcement services – excessive noise does not stop at 2am,
 - Further increasing fines especially for excessive amplified and construction noise and repeat offenders,
 - Ensuring neighbours are aware of nearby sites subject to exemptions,
 - Encouraging the use of construction management plans developed with neighbours to ensure consideration of local conditions and to promote communications during construction.

PROVIDE PROCESSES FOR ONGOING CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS BY

1. Developing on consultation processes with the many stakeholders (e.g., City Divisions, the public, the noise makers and the Province) involved to review current issues and opportunities and new opportunities to ensuring ongoing improvements to the noise management system as new issues arise, as well as to review the impacts of the changes that will be approved by Council.