

Noise Bylaw Review – Public Consultations

January 28 to February 6 MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD !

Attend at least one of these five meetings

Send your comments and concerns to the City by February 28th.

Email: mlsfeedback@toronto.ca

Social Media: #CityofTO

Copy the Toronto Noise Coalition Email: beheard@torontonoisecoalition.ca
and your City Councillor ([Councillor Colle8@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Colle8@toronto.ca))

The city of Toronto is reviewing the Noise Bylaw to recommend much needed updates. The Toronto Noise Coalition and its members from across the city are advocating for enhancing the noise standards to protect Toronto residents from unreasonable noise. These five public consultations have been organized by the city to get your feedback.

Your comments and concerns will be used to recommend updates to the Noise Bylaw in a report going to Council in the spring of 2019.

1. Power Equipment - Monday January 28, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.

North York Civic Centre Member's Lounge (5100 Yonge St. [MAP](#))

2. Motor Vehicles - Tuesday January 29, 2019, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Metro Hall, Room 310 (55 John St. [MAP](#))

3. Amplified Sound - Wednesday January 30, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.

Scadding Court Community Centre (707 Dundas St. West [MAP](#))

4. Construction Noise - Tuesday February 5, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.

Centre for Social Innovation Regent Park Lounge (585 Dundas St. East [MAP](#))

5. General Prohibition - Wednesday February 6, 2019, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Garage (720 Bathurst St. [MAP](#))

Important points for your comments to City Hall:

ADVOCATE FOR A NEW NOISE BYLAW

Toronto must respond to today's and tomorrow's needs with a new Noise Bylaw that reflects the City's changing landscape and advances in acoustic technology and meets international best practices and is not based on tinkering with out of date rules.

The Toronto Noise Bylaw must preserve Torontonians' quality of life and health.

WE NEED EFFECTIVE REGULATIONS

- **Provide an overriding General Prohibition** for 24/7 protection.
- **Limit base noise to protect health** by setting World Health Organization limits AND provide specific hours for locations where noisy activities are regulated.
- **Ensure regulations are easy to understand and enforce** by including decibel limits for measuring noise at its source, specify sound restrictions for loudspeakers, specifying how to measure noise levels for mechanical equipment.

WE NEED EFFECTIVE NOISE MITIGATION

- Ensure noise mitigation plans for city-wide construction and amplified noise exemptions are approved before permits are granted.
- Provide specific standards that must be in place for these plans.
- Provide industry support and resources to assist emitters in mitigating noise at source.
- Require that applicants monitor their sound emissions levels and demonstrate that their levels are compliant.
- Require posting of noise mitigation plans on location.

WE NEED EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

- Increase the number of Noise Bylaw Enforcement Officers to meet demand for timely responses to noise complaints.
- Provide Enforcement Officers with the authority to issue summons, tickets and notices

- Increase fine levels and provide escalating fines for repeat offenders.

WE NEED EFFECTIVE EXEMPTION POLICIES

- **Strictly limit** and regulate exemptions so as to not undermine the Noise Bylaw.
- Require **Noise Mitigation Plans** be submitted with exemption applications.
- Issue series approvals only to applicants with an established record of good compliance.
- Notify the proximate public, including residents, BIAs, Residents Associations, and the local Councillor of applications well in advance to allow for review, recommendations and objections before a permit is issued.

An effective Noise Bylaw HELPS noisemakers be responsible and accountable for obeying the law.

For further information:

- **City of Toronto website** [Noise Bylaw Review](#) and <https://bit.ly/2RpxBa4> @cityoftoronto @GetInvolvedTO
- **Toronto Noise Coalition website** <http://www.torontonoisecoalition.ca/>

SAHRA 2019 Membership Campaign

We need your financial support! Membership contributions are SAHRA's only source of income to support newsletters, hearing costs, Neighbours' Night Out, etc. In 2016, we used reserve funds for the OMB hearing for 1912-1914 Avenue Road. In 2017, we used reserve funds to engage planners and lawyers to deal with the TLAB Appeal to maintain the by-law that only allows 2-storey homes in our *Neighbourhood*. In 2018, we had to use reserve funds again to deal with the 250 Lawrence Ave West OMB Appeal as well as a second TLAB Appeal which challenged the 2-storey bylaw. Future ability to participate in this way or to seek professional advice will depend on rebuilding the reserve fund over the next several years. Please support your residents' association with your annual contribution.

We have on-line payment capability on our website or you can mail a cheque to the SAHRA post office box (1500 Avenue Road, PO Box 1373, Toronto, ON M5H 0A1) or drop it off at 118 or 123 Felbrigg Avenue. See the attached Membership Form for details.

You can send in a cheque or you can contribute via PayPal or a credit/debit card

For PayPal or credit/debit payment go to the Membership page at

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