



# Noise Bylaw Review Public Consultations

## January 28 to February 6

### MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD

This consultation process is one of the next steps approved by Toronto City Council last April for the review of the Noise Bylaw. The objective is to introduce updates that reflect our growing and vibrant city, while enhancing the noise standards that protect the residents of Toronto. There will be five public consultations seeking feedback on emerging Noise Bylaw updates to be used to recommend updates to the Noise Bylaw in a report going to Council in spring 2019.

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

North York Civic Centre Member's Lounge (5100 Yonge St.)

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

Metro Hall, Room 310 (55 John St.)

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

Scadding Court Community Centre (707 Dundas St. West)

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

Centre for Social Innovation Regent Park Lounge (585 Dundas St. East)

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

The Garage (720 Bathurst St.)

Send your comments to the City by February 28 – email: [mlsfeedback@toronto.ca](mailto:mlsfeedback@toronto.ca) and social media: #CityofTO

**For further information:**

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

# TORONTO NOISE COALITION

## Principles 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landscape and advances in acoustic technology and meets international best practices and is not based on tinkering with out of date rules.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 purpose of Toronto's Noise Bylaw must be to preserve Torontonians' quality of life and health and this Bylaw will be enforced.

### 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 providing 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 not to 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.