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NOISE BYLAW PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Hello Bedford Park Residents!

The City of Toronto will be holding public consultation meetings regarding amendments to the City's Noise Bylaw.

BPRO has joined FoNTRA, the Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations. FoNTRA in turn is a member of the Toronto Noise Coalition. These groups have been advocating for a better Noise Bylaw and enforcement regime and have helped stop two previous proposals that did not adequately protect citizens. Though these organizations will represent our interests well, it is beneficial when individual members of the public attend to have their direct input also.

If you're interested in attending any of the several meetings, or in writing City Hall with your input, all the details are below, as provided to us by FoNTRA.

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NOISE BYLAW REVIEW – PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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.

You are welcome to attend any of the meetings January 28 to February 6, or to send an email the City by February 28 (details below).

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:

1) 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landscape and advances in acoustic technology and meets international best practices and is not based on tinkering with out of date rules.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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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.

5) 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.

If you wish to write City Hall, 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.

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For further information please visit:

City of Toronto website: [Noise Bylaw Review](#)
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Toronto Noise Coalition website: <http://www.torontonoisecoalition.ca/>