
City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

MM36.1	ACTION			Ward: 11, 13, 14, 17, 18
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Support for West Toronto Residents – Excessive Noise from the Rail-to-Rail Diamond Grade Separation Project - Councillor Palacio, seconded by Councillor Nunziata

- Notice of this Motion has been given.*
- This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Palacio, seconded by Councillor Nunziata, recommends:

1. That City Council express its support for the residents affected by the excessive vibration and noise emanating from the Rail-to-Rail Diamond Grade Separation Project.
2. That the City Solicitor provide legal support to the residents in their complaint, mediation, and other related matters before the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA).

Summary

Thousands of residents in Wards 17, 11, 14, 18 and 13 have been suffering a dramatic reduction in their comfort and quality of life as a result of excessive pile-driving taking place as part of GO Transit's Rail-to-Rail Diamond Grade Separation Project, near Dupont Street and Dundas Street West.

Pile-driving on this scale completely undermines the livability of the neighbourhood and can be heard from many hundreds of metres away. The pile-driving is constant, all day, every day, and the project is not expected to be completed until December 2011. Other, quieter technologies exist to drive piles but are not being utilized.

A coalition of residents' organizations has requested mediation and may initiate a formal complaint to the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA), the Federal agency that regulates railway noise and vibration in Canada, asking for quieter, more reasonable methods of pile driving to be used.

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