
City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM22.38	ACTION			Ward: All
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Changes to City of Toronto Act Regulations Concerning Construction Noise By-laws - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Government of Ontario to repeal Limitation 2 to Ontario Regulation 130/20 of the City of Toronto Act, returning the power to regulate construction noise to the City of Toronto.

Summary

This Motion requests that the Province give back control of Construction By-laws as granted in the City of Toronto Act. Specifically, Limitation 2 to Ontario Regulation 130/20, enacted April 7, 2020, does not allow the City to regulate or prohibit noise in connection with construction to the detriment of our residents.

Limitation 2 allows for any "construction activity in the City between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m." This represents a significant departure from the City's By-laws, which permit noise from construction between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and not at all on Sunday.

Many construction sites are adjacent to, or within, existing residential communities. The Province has already removed all restrictions on construction activities, permitting work on apartment infill projects, refurbishments within buildings themselves, major renovations in Neighbourhood-designated communities and other impactful operations.

Allowing major construction from early in the morning until 10:00 p.m., while people are being asked to stay home, has the potential to greatly impact residents' quality of life and mental health by subjecting them to constant noise. Please consider this recommendation to request that the Provincial Government end this unreasonable policy and return control of construction noise regulation to the City of Toronto.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM22.38