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**RE: MM22.38 Changes to City of Toronto Act Regulations Concerning Construction Noise By-laws – City Council meeting June 29, 2020**

Dear Mayor Tory and Councillors,

The Toronto Noise Coalition advocates for Noise Bylaw regulations that are appropriate for the residents of our vibrant City. We were part of the Working Group on the development of the new bylaw, strongly supporting regulations regarding construction noise given the amount of construction going on in our City and the fact that thousands of Torontonians live in close by to these sites.

During COVID, many residents must spend more time at home but are faced with the extended noisy construction hours. Given we are well aware of the detrimental impacts of excessive noise on health, the Provincial government's decisions to reduce or open restrictions must be made on the basis of public health advice.

The Province took away the City's control over construction noise through Limitation 2 to Ontario Regulation 130/20, enacted April 7, 2020, which does not allow the City to regulate or prohibit construction noise. The Regulation overrides the City of Toronto's municipal noise by-law through to October 7, 2021 with no rationale for this very long timeline or consideration of the impacts on residents. Toronto's Noise By-law permits construction only Monday to Friday 7 am to 7 pm, Saturdays 9 am to 7 pm, and not at all on Sundays and statutory holidays. Allowing construction equipment to operate from 6 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week, including holidays, at a time when many more people are exposed to excessive noise is harmful to their health and quality of life.

We strongly support the City urging the Province to eliminate the override on the City of Toronto's Noise Bylaw now. The Coalition therefore strongly supports the motion by Councillors Colle and Matlow that the Province give back control of the Noise Bylaw provisions regarding construction.

Toronto Noise Coalition  
Cathie Macdonald, Member