



NO MORE NOISE
Toronto

DI6.4 2025 - 2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

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- Ingrid Buday, founder
- We take a data centered and equity approach
- Noise is #2 Urban Environmental Health Hazard
- Health impacts have been researched for decades
 - Physical and Mental impacts
- Noise impacts some people more than others:
 - Those living with vision loss
 - Those who have cognitive or mental conditions / disorders
 - Those who have suffered from brain injuries
 - HSPs – Highly Sensitive Individuals
 - Marginalized populations tend to live in louder places



Definition

Noise is unwanted and / or harmful sound

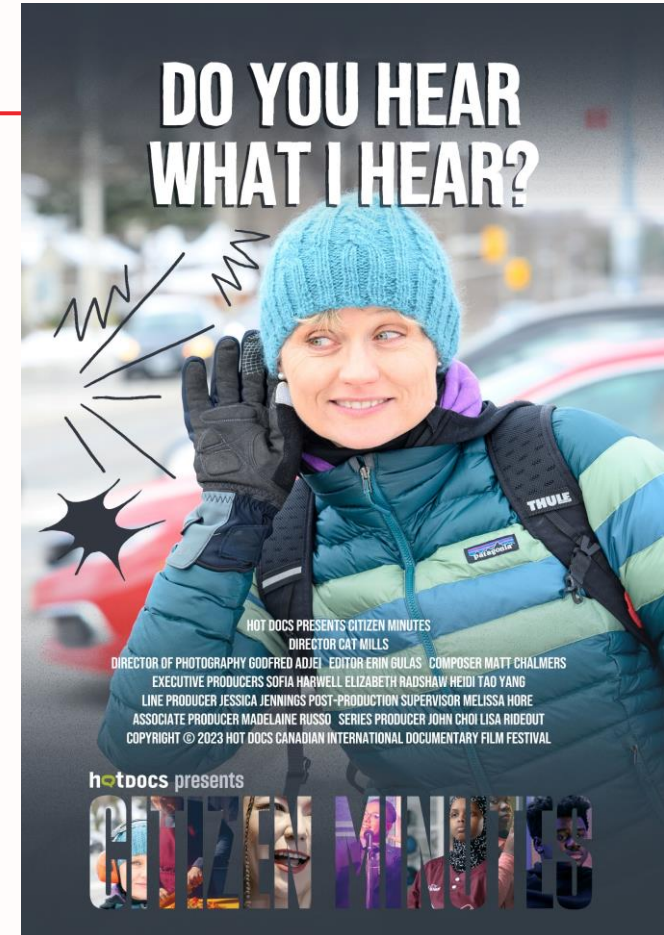


Citizen Minutes Hot Doc

- 8 minute documentary
- Why noise is a health hazard
- Why data collection is important
- How it impacts those living with vision loss
- Features:
 - Daniella Levy-Pinto
 - “Not 311” Noise Report



Scan to watch the doc



Our Collaborators

Through deputations we are raising the awareness of noise pollution and collaborating with City Departments:

- Customer Experience Division (formerly 311)
- Municipal Licensing and Standards
- Toronto Police Services

Please Join Us!

We advocated to TPH for reduction of noise pollution to be a part of their strategic priorities.



Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

- Provides advice to City Council on removing barriers for people with disabilities **in daily life** within the city
- The City of Toronto recognizes that built environment barriers are a form of discrimination and is committed to increasing the **accessibility of public spaces**.
- Multi – Year Accessibility Plan – 2025-2029
 - City's strategy plan for the identification, removal, and prevention of disability/accessibility related barriers
 - Goal is to remove barriers and embed equity and accessibility best practices into all City work
 - Goes beyond minimum legislative compliance
 - Shared responsibility that applies to all City divisions



Why You Need to Consider Noise Pollution

- Sound is the first sense we develop
- We have no defense
- Noise muffles cues people with vision loss use to navigate
- Sudden sounds can startle, cause fear and cause loss of balance
- Loud vehicles sounds intimidate others in our public spaces
- Noise is attributed to causing illness later in life, such as Alzheimer's and dementia*.
- Creates induced hopelessness



Why You Need to Consider Noise Pollution

- More has been done for reducing air pollution than noise pollution
- Toronto is getting more dense and more loud
- Areas with the lowest income brackets are 11x more likely than the highest to have 50% of residents exposed to 55 dBA at night*
- Need to consider not only the built infrastructure in our environment but also the air and public spaces.
- Need to provide safe and accessible journeys for everyone

Noise is an Equity Issue!



*Source: [How Loud is Too Loud?](#)

Development Timeline



MYAP Review Process - Listen

Engage people with disabilities, support persons, organizations, employees, TAAC and other stakeholders.

- How are you listening?
- How are you engaging the public?
- Invite feedback by email.
- No More Noise Toronto has an audience for you.
 - Online meeting to hear from our membership



Recommendations

- Reducing noise will help make our built form more equitable and safer?
 - This benefits everyone and supports the City's Accessibility and Climate goals.
- Make reducing noise pollution part of your strategic priorities.
- Listen to the public
- Collaborate with NMNT





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Creating a More Accessible City by Reducing Noise

