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Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
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Attention: Nancy Martins

**Re: EC10.3 Follow Up on 2024.EC9.5: Implementation Review of the Noise By-law - Stationary Decibel Levels for Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles**

Dear Councillor Alejandro Bravo, Chair, and Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee

The Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations strongly supports improvements to our regulations to reduce excessive noise that damages our health, well-being and quality of life. Excessive motor vehicle noise was identified in the fall consultations as one of most Toronto's significant newer concerns. The Toronto Public Health Noise Action Plan states that "road traffic is a major source of environmental noise in the City". We were looking forward to the information requested in Councillor Fletcher's motion at your Committee's last meeting to examine the options for reduced decibel levels for motorcycles and motor vehicles. Instead, the EC10.3 MLS report reiterates the same decibel limit with no rationale provided.

Many submissions to the January ECDC meeting and to City Council re the Noise Bylaw Review requested lower noise level limits, including for the testing of vehicles, such as to reduce recommended permitted levels from "(a) 92 dB(A) at idle; or (b) 96 dB(A) at any engine speed greater than idle to "81 dBA at idle and 85 at 2,000 RPMS."

We therefore support the Toronto Noise Coalition's recommendations that the City take a leadership role to make our growing city quieter. We therefore agree with the TNC recommendations that:

- Staff report EC10.3 be received and
- MLS be requested to report back on the effectiveness of options for reducing permitted Stationary Decibel Levels for Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles to below 92 decibels at idle and 96 decibels underway.

Geoff Kettel  
Co- Chair

Cathie Macdonald  
Co- Chair

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