



NIGHT ECONOMY TOWN HALL

Purpose of the Night Economy Town Hall

Share the findings of the Toronto Night Economy Review

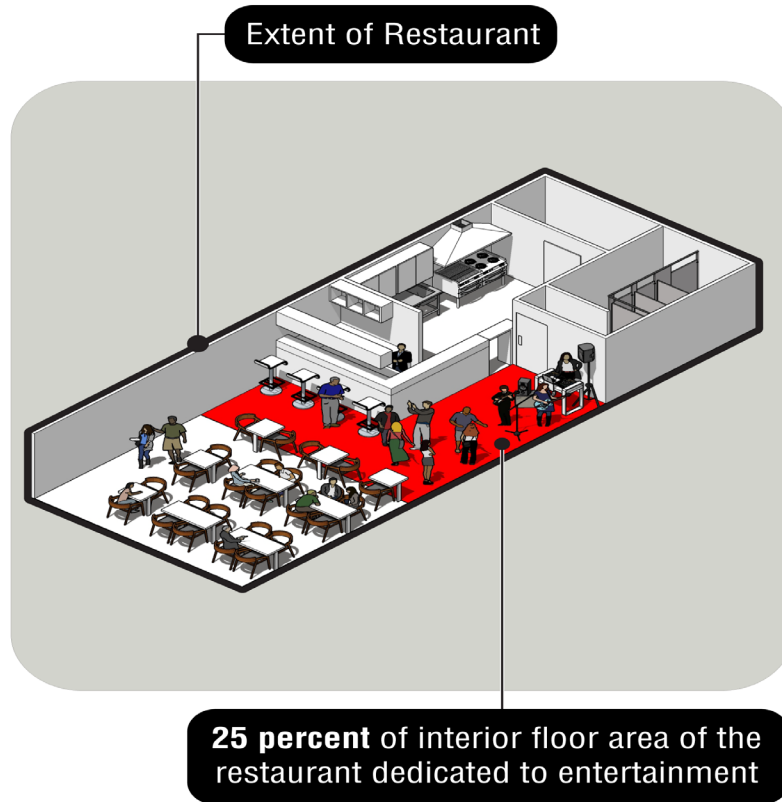
- The public consultation series received input from over 3,300 people

What we heard:

- Cost, transportation, and access to nearby activities are the most frequent barriers to participation in nighttime activities.
- Conflict related to sound and noise is one of the biggest concerns shared in consultations by operators, residents, and night economy patrons alike.
- Operators emphasized the need for flexibility, hybridity, adaptability, and autonomy.

Night Economy Review

Updated Zoning Regulations for Live Music



- Effective January 1, 2025:
 - Entertainment may occupy up to 25% of a restaurant or bar in most commercial zones, open space (park) zones and industrial zones along major streets.
 - The current maximum is 6%.
 - Nightclubs will be permitted in most commercial zones City-wide.
 - Currently nightclubs are only permitted downtown.

Night Economy Review

Updated Licensing Regulations for Live Music

Eating or Drinking Establishment	Entertainment Place of Assembly	Entertainment Establishment / Nightclub
Updated definition to enable flexible/hybrid business models and align with zoning bylaws For example: dine-in restaurants and bars	New licence category to expand current categorization of “Public Halls” New category and definition aligns with zoning bylaws and focuses on patrons attending venues as an entertainment experience/audience member, clearly distinguishing it from a bar or restaurant For example: live music venues, performing arts spaces, theatres, banquet halls, and event venues	New definition specifies the purpose of establishment and aligns with zoning Enhanced requirements for metal detectors Nightclubs that are also Eating or Drinking Establishments must secure multiple licences

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Support During Transition Period

Changes will take effect on **January 1, 2025**

Throughout 2024, the City of Toronto will help businesses transition by:



- Notifying licence holders about upcoming changes
- Sending licence renewal notices ahead of licence expiry date



- Answering questions from business operators
- Sharing information from City of Toronto's "Good Neighbour Guide for Late-Night Businesses"



- Migrating current licence holders into updated categories
- Transitioning licence holders according to annual renewal date



- Updating information on City webpages and 311



- Developing templates for noise control plan and patron management plan



- Creating public education materials

EDC Moving Forward



Annual Night Economy Town Hall



Night Economy Internal and External Working Group



Centralized communications (Good Neighbour Guide for Late-Night Business)



Embed City-wide strategic plans (e.g., SafeTO / Our Health, Our City) into the priorities of Night Economy

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GUIDE FOR LATE-NIGHT BUSINESSES



Prepared by the
Night Economy Internal Working Group

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Guide Content

Topics Covered Include:

Opening your Late-Night Establishment

Minimizing Sound and Noise

Resident and Neighbour Relations

Keeping your Venue Safe

Keeping your Venue Organized

Transportation to and from your Establishment

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility

Business owners and operators, what are some potential outcomes of these regulatory changes that you may take advantage of?

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Open a live music space



Add or expand an entertainment area to a restaurant/bar (e.g., dancing, live music area, arcade games, mini-golf, etc.)



Open a nightclub



No change proposed



Other (please specify in follow-up question on next slide)



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“What is being done to address the war on live music venues?”

People living on major streets/above bars having the power to shut down these spaces is awful.”



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