

Board of Health

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To: Board of Health <boh@toronto.ca>

RE: My comments for 2025.HL23.3 on April 1, 2025 Board of Health

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 1, 2025 Board of Health meeting on item 2025.HL23.3, Noise Action Plan Update.

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

I am a resident of Toronto and noise pollution impacts my health and the health of every other resident in our city and other urban areas. We are entitled to enjoy our homes, reap the benefits of restful sleep and experience a good quality of life. Unless we take action now, noise pollution will only increase as our cities, big and small, grow and develop.

Noise really affects quality of life in Toronto. Construction noise, some motorcycles and cars, and leaf blowers are the worst offenders. This noise has been proven to affect our health. Please take action to lower noise levels!

The Toronto Board of Health, the Province of Ontario, and the federal government all need to take action to tackle noise pollution.

We have the following requests:

Municipal

- 1. Toronto Public Health conduct an education campaign on the health impacts of noise for residents and workers.
- 2. Redesign the 311 noise reporting process to improve enforcement and data collection
- 3. To reduce the increasing noise levels in the city, the City Manager coordinate with other city divisions, such as Toronto Public Health, Toronto Police Services, and others to effectively address this issue.

Provincial

· 1. To create policies to address the harmful effects of noise pollution on the Toronto public, the Toronto Board of Health request the Province to include harmful sound in the Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline, 2018 in Requirement 7.

· 2. Request the Board of Health request the province to make noise part of the mandatory programs in the Health Protection and Promotion Act, in Section 5.

Noise pollution is a public health issue. Yet, we've learned that Toronto Public Health is not able to protect us from it. Additionally, the bylaws are inadequate, the enforcement process is dysfunctional, and the reporting process only leads to frustration. This is impacting the health and well being of every Torontonians.

Unwanted and excessive noise is an invisible killer* that needs to be addressed. Once we do that, the benefits to everyone will be immediate.

*Source: BBC Article: How our noisy world is seriously damaging our health

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