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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 23, 2025 City Council meeting on item 2025.MM32.16, Safer Shores at Woodbine Beach: Protecting the Safety of Our Waterfront and Everyone Who Enjoys It - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside

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Comments:

No More Noise Toronto supports your attempts to ban the rental of jet skis at Woodbine Beach and Ashbridges Bay. The article by Alan Carter of City News lists many important reasons for doing this and we would like to offer other compelling reasons to regulate, if not ban, this activity from these public spaces.

1. Further to safety, the whining and droning of jet skis could easily bury any calls for help from swimmers. Communication is very important where there are safety concerns, such as these areas where swimmers of all competencies are enjoying a swim or just playing in the water. It is likely the sailing school participants would benefit from hearing instructions in a natural sounding environment.
2. Many people in Toronto do not have backyards and need access to the waterfront and adjacent green spaces. Even for those who do, the waterfront, like the soundscape, is a shared space. Residents do not go to these places to listen to machinery and engines revving up but rather to enjoy the sounds of the waves, the birds and the voices of children playing.
3. Lake Ontario is enjoying a restoration and on its way towards revitalization for the full range of mammals, fish and birds living within, above and around the lake. The engines of these machines are known to distress and disorient wildlife, below and above the water, especially during breeding seasons.

This is an important safety and environmental concern. We would be happy to share our expertise in noise pollution with you about this or other matters in the future.

Thank you,

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