



April 14, 2026
Via Email
Executive Committee

RE: EX30.3 - Towards a Beautiful City: Update on Priority Items

Dear Chair Chow, Vice Chair Malik and Councillors Ainslie, Bravo, Carroll, Colle, Fletcher, Matlow, Morley, Perks and Shan,

On behalf of **No More Noise**, I am writing to request that **noise be added as a factor contributing to the quality of Toronto's public realm**. It is wonderful to see the quality of our public realm receive this kind of overt attention and care from our leaders.

A well-maintained public realm promotes active mobility and mental well-being while reducing chronic disease. By prioritizing accessibility and safety, thoughtful design creates an inclusive, high-quality experience for all residents and visitors, regardless of background or ability. **This is all essential, but missing something very important.**

Envision trying to enjoy anything in Toronto, and **consider what you hear around you**. Is it better to be out in public while inundated with the racket of racing car engines, honking horns, sirens, blaring music, amplified advertisements violating your ears? Or is it better to enjoy our city in a more peaceful environment, where you more easily hear your companions, might hear the leaves of our urban tree canopy rustling in the wind and even some birdsong? Under which conditions do you feel more welcome, safe, and relaxed? Do you feel more creativity and joy while surrounded with unwanted noise, or while in a more tranquil environment?

To achieve urban calm, we urge Toronto to adopt a **proactive noise monitoring program** and a robust enforcement response to illegal noise and amplified sound; to address motor vehicle noise through enforcement of illegal muffler modification, reduced speeds, and inducing mode share away from cars; and to enact a more thorough 311 noise reporting process that successfully resolves resident complaints.

Noise underpins our quality of life. Cities don't need to be loud. **Urban calm is possible and beautiful.**

Thank you,

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Ingrid Buday
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Cc: Chair Chow, Vice Chair Malik and Councillor Ainslie, Councillor Bravo, Councillor Carroll, Councillor Colle, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Matlow, Councillor Morley, Councillor Perks and Councillor Shan