



April 14, 2026

Via Email

Executive Committee

RE: EX30.1 - Critical Investments in Streetlight Infrastructure for Public Safety

Dear Mayor 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 Toronto **install a noise meter on some of these new LED streetlights** as a pilot project. It would be easy to piggyback a noise sensor, filling an immense knowledge gap, and give City Staff and bylaw officers extremely useful data about where harmful noise and noise spikes are occurring in the City. This in turn could efficiently and effectively guide enforcement and mitigation efforts and investments.

This data would be highly valuable because harmful noise is a public health problem that deserves a robust response. Health research is clear: ongoing exposure to excessive noise levels causes sleep disruption, stress, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, and adverse mental health impacts.

A Canadian organization called Liveable Cities, out of Halifax, manufactures [an ambient noise micro-sensor](#) which would be perfect for this scenario. The sensor does not record any sounds, but records decibel readings: the loudest sound level, the quietest sound level, and the average sound level reading for the day. This type of information is not only about a safe city, it can also improve population health, benefitting everyone.

The initiative to renew Toronto's street lighting system for public safety is commendable. It must be noted that **safety is not only about darkness and light, but also about sound**. Loud areas generally don't feel safe to those who are not part of the party or activity creating the noise - they can feel hostile, dangerous and off-putting. This is not how our communities should feel.

Deploying a network of noise meters on new LED streetlights is an opportunity to efficiently improve quality of life and safety in one stroke.

Thank you, and I welcome any opportunity to discuss this idea further,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey rectangular background. The signature reads 'Buday' in a cursive script.

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