



July 28, 2026

Via Email
Toronto City Council

RE: MM43.70 - Ensuring Community Protections and Electrification Commitments for the Bloor-Lansdowne GO Station

Dear Mayor Chow and Toronto City Council,

No More Noise Toronto strongly supports Motion MM43.70, which calls on Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario to implement critical noise mitigation measures along the Barrie GO corridor. **Transit expansion is essential, but it must not come at the expense of residents' health and quality of life.** Communities near major infrastructure deserve effective protections from avoidable noise, vibration, and air pollution.

Noise pollution is not merely an annoyance. It is a significant public health issue. **Chronic exposure to environmental noise is associated with sleep disruption, increased stress, impaired cognitive function, elevated blood pressure, and increased risk of cardiovascular disease.**

We support the motion's calls to:

- **Install properly designed noise barriers** along the Barrie GO corridor where needed
- **Implement train bell mitigation and other point-of-emission measures** at Bloor-Lansdowne GO Station and other stations along the corridor
- **Accelerate full electrification of the Barrie GO line** to reduce diesel pollution and engine noise

Noise mitigation should be built into transit expansion from the beginning, not addressed only after residents experience harmful impacts. Metrolinx already uses noise barriers and bell mitigation strategies elsewhere on its network. These protections should be applied equitably to Toronto communities affected by expanded service.

We urge City Council to support Motion MM43.70 and advocate for Metrolinx and the Province to implement these measures before expanded service begins. **A healthier, quieter neighbourhood and a stronger transit system are not competing goals. They are both essential to a sustainable city.**

Thank you,

Ingrid Buday
Founder and Executive Director, No More Noise