

HUMBER BAY SHORES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

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RE: Response to 'Review of the Noise Bylaw' Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 591, Noise

Please accept this as input to your submission for the Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting of November 2023. We attended, virtually, General Noise and Motor Vehicles.

Please note that the brevity of this response does not diminish the level of excessive noise our community has endured in recent years, including pre covid. These include but are not limited to: standing and moving vehicles, construction noise, garbage removal, leaf blowers, music from multiple sources and more! Fireworks was a significant noise issue however, we understand it is not part of this Review.

We acknowledge the many positive changes that have been made to date; especially the noise bylaw enforcement team.

The following reflects the choice of Refinements by HBSCA, of existing proposed Refinements, as part of this City Review. At the same time, we encourage and ask for further refinements as mentioned herein:

Refinements	Potential Refinements requested by HBSCA	Additional Comments
Motor Vehicles	Agree with all refinements and prefer to include Potential Refinements 2 and 3	Standing motorcycles and cars are significant noise issue, especially those with illegally 'enhanced' mechanics
Unreasonable and Persistent Noise	Agreed with proposed Potential Refinements	Although we prefer the Refinements to go further, we acknowledge and respect the scope of this phase of refinements. We strongly encourage that future refinements include partnering and advocating for changes to manufacturing and more – with provincial and federal bodies that can influence such key changes to preventing the noise issues identified in your Review, as opposed to simply addressing the resulting violations.
Waste Collection Noise		
Power Device Noise	Prefer 'Potential Refinements 2 and 3'	
Exemption Permits	Prefer both, Potential Refinements, including 2	
Noise Fees	Agreed	

Regarding the Key Amendments (8) proposed; they all contribute to addressing some of the sources of excessive noise in Toronto, and Humber Bay Shores. At the same time, we see it as initial steps towards needed change.

Finally, we are grateful for the opportunity to input to the proposed changes to Noise Bylaws and hope that the maximum amendments will be adopted – we believe it will improve the quality of life for thousands of residents that we represent.

Regards,

Jim Reekie

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cc Councillor Amber Morley