



## TNC Principles for the Noise Bylaw

Toronto has spent over 4 years discussing the need for a new Noise Bylaw and the TNC is concerned that the recent public consultations continued to be based on tinkering with our of date old rules rather than promoting meaningful new ideas. A new noise bylaw must reflect the City's changing landscape, advances in acoustic technology, and meet international best practices. The purpose of Toronto's Noise Bylaw must to preserve Torontonians' quality of life and health and this Bylaw must be enforced. See [www.torontonoisecoalition.ca](http://www.torontonoisecoalition.ca) for further information.

### WE NEED EFFECTIVE REGULATIONS

- **Make use of best practices, including new improved technology.**
- **Provide an overriding General Prohibition** for 24/7 protection and regulation of vibrations.
- **Restrict excessive noise to protect health of all** by setting World Health Organization limits AND providing specific hours for locations where noisy activities are regulated.
- **Ensure regulations are easy to understand and enforce** by including, among other things, use of decibel limits for measuring noise at its source, maintaining the general prohibition, and specifying how to measure noise levels for mechanical equipment.

### WE NEED EFFECTIVE NOISE MITIGATION

- **Ensure noise mitigation plans** for city-wide construction and amplified noise exemptions are approved before permits are granted.
- **Provide publicly approved standards** that must be in place for these plans.
- **Provide industry support and resources** to assist emitters in mitigating noise at source.
- **Require that applicants monitor** their sound emissions levels and demonstrate compliance.
- **Require posting** of noise mitigation plans on location.

### WE NEED EFFECTIVE EXEMPTION POLICIES

- **Strictly limit** and regulate exemptions so as not to undermine the Noise Bylaw.
- **Require Noise Mitigation Plans** be submitted with exemption applications.
- **Only issue series approvals** to applicants with an established record of good compliance.
- **Notify the proximate public**, including residents, BIAs, Residents Associations, and the local Councillor of applications well in advance for input and information.

### WE NEED EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

- **Increase the number of Noise Bylaw Enforcement Officers** to meet the demand for timely responses to noise complaints.
- **Ensure 311 operators are trained** to effectively respond to noise complaints.
- **Provide Enforcement Officers with the authority to issue summons**, tickets and notices.
- **Increase fine levels** and provide escalating fines for repeat offenders.