

POLICY	Noise Management Policy for the Quays of the Old Port
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	To establish the sound environment for outdoor programming (one-time events and concessions) on the Quays of the Old Port
MANAGER RESPONSIBLE	Vice-president, Quays of the Old Port
INDIVIDUALS COVERED	All event producers and merchants on all Corporation property

PREAMBLE

The mission of the Old Port of Montréal Corporation is to manage, develop and operate an urban site dedicated to recreation, tourism and culture, offering visitors opportunities for entertainment and discoveries. Within this context, the Quays of the Old Port business unit offers its millions of visitors a variety of one-time events and commercial concessions that may have an impact on the sound environment.

With a view to pursuing its mission while taking into account the tourist and residential vocation of the Old Montréal historic district, the Corporation has adopted this Noise Management Policy outlining standards and criteria for producers, merchants and any other companies affecting the Quays of the Old Port sound environment.

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1. This policy applies to a) sound produced in conjunction with one-time events, on a stage or otherwise, including outdoor music shows, with or without amplifiers, and b) sound emanating from commercial concessions and outdoor patios, including music, with or without amplifiers.
- 1.2. The policy refers to accepted standards for large outdoor events, such as those produced across Quebec, for scheduled events on the Quays. For shops and patios, the standard is drawn from a document published by the Ministère de l'Environnement du Québec, "*Réglementation du bruit dans l'environnement au Québec*," available online (in French): <http://www.softdb.com/pdf/pdfbruitenvironnement.pdf>.
- 1.3. The acceptable sound level for one-time outdoor events, including sound tests, is 80 decibels (dB(A)) measured 35 metres from the sound source, between 9 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

- 1.4. The ambient sound level produced by shops and/or patios is established according to zoning category III of the Ministère de l'Environnement du Québec document entitled *Réglementation du bruit dans l'environnement au Québec*. A sound level of 50 dB(A) is acceptable at night (between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.) and of 55 dB(A) in the daytime (between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.) on Corporation property, which is bounded on the west by the Mills Bridge, on the north by Rue de la Commune, on the east by the Clock Tower and on the south by the St. Lawrence River. No ambient sound produced by shops and/or patios should be heard beyond this property.
- 1.5. The Directions Entertainment et Services et Commercial Leases will measure sound levels as necessary for control and verification purposes, using the designated equipment. Staff authorized for taking such measurements may intervene with producers and merchants at any time if the standards are not respected. Authorized staff members include programming advisors, logistics staff, security/safety officers and their respective managers.
- 1.6. Producers of one-time events and merchants must comply with the present policy and with all decisions made by the Corporation's representatives during their events or in the normal course of business.
- 1.7. Any failure to comply with this policy or the instructions issued by Quays of the Old Port staff will be considered a violation of the agreement signed with the Old Port of Montréal Corporation and may result in penalties under that agreement.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1. This "Noise Management Policy for the Quays of the Old Port" is available at all times on the Old Port of Montréal Corporation Website, at <http://www.oldportofmontreal.com/>.
- 2.2. The Old Port of Montréal Corporation is part of the Table de concertation du Vieux-Montréal (Old Montréal roundtable), which includes representatives of the local merchants' association and local residents. The Corporation is committed to sharing information on its programming and commercial activities with the members of the roundtable so as to keep them abreast of the Corporation's activities that could affect the sound environment for visitors and residents.
- 2.3. The Old Port of Montréal Corporation holds "Qualité Tourisme" certification from the Quebec Bureau de normalisation (standards office), and makes every effort to offer its visitors an outstanding experience, while respecting its outdoor environment.