



May 18, 2016

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RE: LS11.2 Chapter 591, Noise – Amendments After Further Review

Dear Councillor Cesar Palacio, Chair, and Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee (LSC),

We believe that developing an appropriate Noise Management Plan is crucial for our City and that the needs of residents and businesses can be accommodated. However we submit that the City's current proposals have serious flaws. The Toronto Noise Coalition (www.torontonoisecoalition.ca) has been formed to reconsider these issues and has recently put forward proposals for a more effective approach to a noise bylaw. The TNC recommends a 7 point plan for moving forward. The issues addressed include general protection against unwanted noise, and the issues of construction noise, amplified noise and leaf blowers. The TNC proposals are at http://media.wix.com/ugd/a0d3a0_0a5a0fcb8d3941d5a90919e9e4e480d4.pdf

As such, FoNTRA requests:

1. That the LSC not recommend the staff report and its recommendations to City Council
2. That instead the LSC recommend that City Council request staff to review the Toronto Noise Coalition proposals and report back to the Committee in September 2016
3. That the LSC recommend that an advisory committee be appointed including members of the Toronto Noise Coalition

Thanks you for your consideration.

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c.c. Mayor John Tory, Councillor Wong Tam, Ward 27
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The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of 27 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 170,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The over 30 residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not *whether* Toronto will grow, but *how*. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.