

## Licensing and Standards Committee

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**From:** Monty McDonald <monty.mcdonald@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2016 9:25 AM  
**To:** Licensing and Standards Committee; Mayor Tory  
**Subject:** Support FoNTRA Noise Bylaw

**Importance:** High

Attention Dila Ting

The Bayview Village Association (BVA) Supports the FoNTRA 7 point action plan and ask that this letter be included in the May 19 Agenda.

Of particular concern to Bayview Village are:

1. Relaxation of construction noise by law (contractors building infill housing pay no attention to suppressing noise)
2. Lack of enforcement on weekends (today) especially Sunday, again many contractors operate heavy equipment and machinery on Sundays and know they can get away with it
3. I campaigned for Mayor Tory and brought up the need with him for regulations against highly polluting leaf blowers that are a very real threat to our health and contribute to smog, global warming, climate change, the ozone layer deterioration **and the most pervasive source of noise in the summer months**. We are trying to get our membership to tell their contractors to not use them in the high smog summer months when there are no leaves on the ground. Over 400 municipalities in the USA have outright bans or restrictions on the use of these highly polluting machines which are driven by 2 cycle engines (30% of the fuel goes through these engines unburned and into our atmosphere.

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