Requires Majority Vote to Introduce

MEMO

To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Councillor Martin Silva
Subject: Harbourfront Centre Noise

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards investigate and report to the first meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council in 2007 for consideration as a deputation item on the feasibility of applying the following standards to the Harbourfront Centre outdoor activities:

(1) That decibels will be held to a maximum of 85 and contracts will stipulate an 85 db maximum;

(2) That limiter/governor will be installed which would prevent the sound technician from exceeding the limit;

(3) That only Harbourfront equipment and sound technicians will be used;

(4) That Harbourfront staff will regularly monitor and advise technician(s) to reduce the sound if needed;

(5) That staff will be fully briefed on what to do and action taken.

BACKGROUND:

Residents in the vicinity of Harbourfront Centre have been plagued with noise from the outside stage for many summers. Various mechanisms have been tried but none have succeeded to date.

Thank you,

Councillor Martin Silva