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c/o Rosalind Dyers, Administrator,  
Toronto & East York Community Council  
City Clerk's Office, City Hall,  
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**RE: TD Toronto Jazz Festival 2014 - Special Event of Municipal Significance**

To Whom This May Concern,

On behalf of the Toronto Downtown Jazz Society (TDJ), producers of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival, I am formally requesting declaration of the 28th annual Toronto Jazz Festival as a special event of municipal significance. This declaration will allow the Festival to apply to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission for an extension of serving hours at select official festival venues for the duration of the event, Thursday June 19th through Saturday June 28, 2014.

For the past 21 years the festival has hosted licenced, after-hours jam sessions from 1:00-4:00am. With your approval we will once again apply for the extension of serving hours until 4:00am at Dominion On Queen, The Painted Lady, May Cafe and 2-3 other locations, to be determined by April.

The tradition of select official venues hosting Late Night Jazz Jams provides a rare opportunity for visiting and local musicians to jam and socialize. This is usually impossible since artists are busy performing until closing time at other venues. The jam sessions create a unique and spontaneous, special-event atmosphere.

TDJ's mandate is to present a world-class jazz festival which entertains local residents and visitors through performance, education and outreach and to make the music accessible to everyone with a variety of quality activities and musical styles. TDJ has presented over 2500 free events, welcomed 9.5 million attendees and contributed over \$470 million to the economy. Over 500,000 people annually attend 350 performances in 40+ Toronto locations. This world-class festival presents approximately 1500 of the best Canadian and International musicians annually. Visitors will experience jazz from noon - 4am daily at free indoor/outdoor stages, ticketed mainstage performances, concert halls and more than 30 clubs/restaurants.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario requests that the City's declaration specifically state that the endorsement is in support of our application for extension of serving hours to 4:00am at selected official Festival venues, Dominion On Queen, The Painted Lady, May Cafe and 2-3 other Festival venues to be determined for the duration of the Festival.

I hope you will contribute to the success of the 28th Toronto Jazz Festival by declaring the festival an event of municipal significance. Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have questions or require further information please feel free to contact me at 416-928-2033 Ext. 22 or [tdjs@tojazz.com](mailto:tdjs@tojazz.com).

Sincerely,

Patti Marshall  
Director of Operations