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Ms. Rosalind Dyers
Committee Administrator
City Clerks Office
Toronto Community Council
2th Floor, West Tower, 100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON
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Re: Inclusion on the agenda for an amendment to our existing Festival of Municipal Significance Notice of Non-Objection

Dear Ms. Dyers,

I am writing on behalf of The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival to request that an amendment be made to the Toronto Community Council's declaration that our event is of municipal significance, according to Item TE30.87 passed on February 25, 2014. We request that the Toronto Community Council (meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014) grant the Toronto Fringe a notice of Non Objection for a temporary liquor licence extension until 4:00am on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at our Fringe Club.

We have secured a Special Occasion Permit for our Fringe Club for the duration of the festival (July 2-13, 2014) – Permit No. 0015-140223. The SOP includes the Honest Ed's parking lot (both above and below ground), and alley way every day of our festival.

Last year, part of our Fringe Club programming included an Underground Dance Party in the Honest Ed's underground parking lot. Due to popular request, we have decided to increase the number of underground parties this year to three, and hold them on July 10, 11, and 12. On July 12, 2014 we would like to host a special underground party, extending our hours until 4am, to celebrate the end of yet another successful Fringe Festival. The Toronto Fringe is a long-standing community event that attracts a large part of our audience from the Trinity-Spadina ward and this night will be a chance for us all to come together. Fringe Club goers always enjoy socialising after a full day of "Fringe-ing", so much so that during the final days of the Festival it is always a difficulty to get people to leave! Having this event where people can truly party the night away will be the perfect solution to fulfilling this desire and shows that we are appreciating the needs of our patrons and artists

In addition to this, by extending our permit hours on July 12 until 4am, the Fringe will be able to increase our bar sales at our underground party. As 100% of the box office is returned to the artists, as we are a not-for-profit charitable organisation and a member of CAFF (Canadian Association of Fringe Festivals), this is an opportunity for us to bolster our revenue. Having a late night party for our Fringe artists and patrons will also be an excellent way to thank everyone for participating in the 26th Toronto Fringe Festival.

The Toronto Fringe is very conscious of being a good neighbour and respectful of people who live and work around our Fringe Club. We do not anticipate our late-night underground party to violate our Noise Exemption Permit, as the event and noise will be contained to the second level of the Honest Ed's underground parking lot. Our patrons are exceptionally respectful and we have never had an issue with alcohol misuse in the Club. We will have increased security upstairs at the Fringe Club and downstairs in the parking lot to ensure the safety of our guests. We will also mandate that everyone exiting the underground party after 11pm must exit the Honest Ed's parking lot and alleyway north on to Bloor Street West, and not through the Annex residential neighbourhood south of Honest Ed's (to prevent any disturbances to residents in that area late at night).

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If approved for this extension, the Fringe will contact our local municipal clerk's department, police, fire, and health departments regarding the changes to our programming.

Thank you for your assistance with this request and should you require any further information about our upcoming event, please don't hesitate to contact me at 416-966-1062. X9

Sincerely

Lucy Eveleigh
General Manager
The Toronto Fringe