



**Economic Development Committee  
November 28, 2016  
2016.ED16.10 - Development of a Night-time Economy**

The Greater Yorkville Residents' Association (GYRA) represents the interests of over 5,000 owners and residents living in 35 condominium buildings. Yorkville is designated as a mixed-use area, allowing residential and commercial to co-exist in close proximity.

GYRA respectfully submits its comments on the development of a night-time economy as it is a city-wide matter, and we wish to express our serious concerns with this item which recommends specifically that:

The Toronto Music Industry Advisory Council recommends to the Economic Development and Culture Committee that:

1. The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with the Toronto Music Industry Advisory Council, be requested to create a case for night-time economy which includes the following initiatives and considerations:

- a. the extension of licensing hours;
- b. licensing type;
- c. late night transportation;
- d. community safety; and
- e. special events.

The implications of a night-time economy will affect much more than the economic interests of one sector. The interests of the continually growing number of residents in mixed-use areas across the City, including ours in mid-town, also need to be considered.

We are aware that back in 2014 the idea of a night-time economy was raised. It was not well received. This initiative has surfaced again while the noise by-law is still under review and the Liquor Licensing Task Force (LLTF) is in process of examining ways to improve an ineffective enforcement process that is not protecting residents from problem establishments.

While other neighborhoods confront more extreme situations, ours is also challenged, in our case by excessive noise coming from outdoor patios after 11:00 pm. Resource constraints are limiting the capacity of City agencies such as ML&S and Toronto Police Services to enforce by-laws that regulate establishments.

Extending hours is fraught with problems for Toronto residents who are entitled to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their homes and neighborhoods. With respect to noise, ML&S has been meeting with residents and medical experts about the their profoundly negative effects. Until excessive noise and other night-time economy issues are resolved, extending hours would further aggravate an already difficult situation for residents across Toronto.

For the Commercial Music Industry to ask that the City taxpayer funds to direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture Committee, to support and “create” a case for the interests of one sector over the right to quiet enjoyment and health of Toronto residents seems to us to be quite inappropriate.

Given that the noise by-law is under review and the LLTF review is ongoing, we are some time away from knowing whether a new by-law and a new enforcement process will prove effective, and enforcement resources are already stretched. To even consider extending the hours of bars and nightclubs at this time is unthinkable.

**Therefore, GYRA is strongly opposed to extending licensing hours.**

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