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To: [Mayor Tory](#); [Councillor Matlow](#); [Licensing and Standards Committee](#); [Medical Officer of Health](#)
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Good Afternoon,

The Oriole Park Association is a volunteer residents' organization founded over 60 years ago to serve the interests of the community of Oriole Park / Chaplin Estates.

As a member of The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) we are in concurrence with the 36 member organizations' position on the upcoming discussion of an amended Noise By-Law.

We agree with the following 7 points of position of FoNTRA:

DECLARATION OF POLICY: Clearly communicate the Purpose of the Noise Bylaw is to protect the health and quality of life of the residents of Toronto.

GENERAL PROVISION: Include a General Provision for 24/7 protection from vibrations and sound of such a volume or nature that it is likely to disturb the City's inhabitants.

AMPLIFIED SOUND: Replace and improve the specific bylaw prohibition 591-2.1 problematic noise sources to be projected beyond a property line onto streets or public places particularly City parks.

CONSTRUCTION: Comprehensive standards will limit the negative effects of constant construction. It must also encourage companies to adopt innovative technology and noise mitigating measures, such as a **Noise Mitigation Plan** - Contractors must develop a noise mitigation plan prior to the start of work. Every construction site must have a noise mitigation plan on location. If noise complaints are received, an inspector will ensure the contractor has posted the plan and that it is being followed, and **Construction Scheduling** - Prohibit construction of new homes and other

major construction in residential areas on weekends and statutory holidays from May 1st to October 31st. Owner occupied work would still be permitted to perform needed work on their own homes as needed.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT: Toronto's Noise bylaw must contain a section regulating disruptive noise from HVAC equipment (resident, commercial, and industrial) by imposing reasonable standards for this equipment.

EXCEPTIONS: Exceptions must be considered a privilege not a right. **Series approvals** (approvals of more than one event at a time) should only be offered to applicants with a record of good compliance and an upper limit of the number of series approved by one application should be required- i.e. no more than three at a time. **Noise Mitigation Plans** must be a requirement for all exceptions applications to the policy. **Limits to the number of permit approved** in any park each year must be set. **Events in residential neighbourhood parks** must end no later than 10 pm.

ENFORCEMENT: Council must commit to increased investment for effective and timely enforcement.

We urge you to take these points into consideration for the positive benefit of the citizens City of Toronto.

Yours truly,

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The Oriole Park Association