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RE: TD Toronto Jazz Festival 2016 - Special Event of Municipal Significance

To Whom This May Concern,

On behalf of the Toronto Downtown Jazz Society (TDJ), presenters of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival, I am formally requesting declaration of the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Toronto Jazz Festival, a "special event of municipal significance". This declaration allows application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission for an extension of serving hours at four official festival venues for the duration of the event, Friday June 24th through Saturday July 3rd.

For the past 29 years the festival has hosted nightly, licenced, after-hours (1-4:00am) jam sessions. The jam sessions resided at the official host hotel for a decade. Since 2005 the jams have taken place at 4 chosen official festival venues. With your approval we will once again apply for extension of serving hours until 4:00am at The Painted Lady and three other locations to be determined by April. The tradition of the Late Night Jazz Jams provides a rare opportunity for visiting and local musicians to jam and socialize, which is usually impossible since artists are busy performing until closing at other venues.

The primary purpose of TDJ is to present a world-class jazz festival to entertain local residents and visitors through performance, education and outreach and to make the music accessible to everyone by offering a wide variety of quality activities and musical styles. TDJ has presented over 3500 free events, welcomed 9.5 million attendees and contributed \$472 million to the economy. The Festival draws over 500,000 people annually to 350 performances in 40+ Toronto locations. Each year this world-class festival presents approximately 1500 of the best Canadian and International musicians. Visitors experience jazz from noon - 4am daily at free indoor/outdoor stages, ticketed mainstage performances, concert halls and 30+ clubs/restaurants. Nathan Phillips Square is the hub of the event.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission requests that the City's declaration specifically state that the endorsement is in support of application for extension of serving hours to 4:00 am at selected official Festival venues,

I hope you will contribute to the success of the 30th annual Toronto Jazz Festival by declaring it an event of municipal significance. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, or require further information please contact me at [tdjs@tojazz.com](mailto:tdjs@tojazz.com) or 416-928-2033 Ext. 22.

Sincerely,

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