From: Andre Aymar
To: Clerk

Cc: <u>Jessica Stanley; Licensing and Standards Committee</u>

Subject: Islington Golf Club Comments Regarding Item LS24.1: Noise By-law Review

Date: April 13, 2018 12:58:05 PM

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am submitting this deputation on behalf of Islington Golf Club Ltd, and the Ontario Golf Course Superintendents Association (OGSA).

We would like to express our support for the City Staff's recommendation for additional research and consultation on the current Noise By-law.

The use of gas powered leaf blowers, for golf courses, goes much beyond blowing leaves or debris. Leaf blowers are an essential day to day tool that we use in our agronomic practices to ensure that grass can be kept healthy and managed in a way that meets customer expectations. Gas powered leaf blowers are a vital tool for us to operate a successful business.

Golf courses embrace the opportunity to have a positive impact in our communities and we take pride in being good neighbors. I think we have shown this by respecting, and working within the timelines set in the noise by-law to make sure all our work gets done without any residential disturbance.

Our position is that the current by-law strikes the perfect balance between residential and business needs and we are in strong favor for the By-law to remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

Andre Aymar, Golf Course Superintendent Islington Golf Club Ltd.