



Trustee
Ausma Malik
 Ward 10, Trinity - Spadina



April 9, 2018

Re: LS24.1 Noise By-law Review - Update

Dear Licensing and Standards Committee Members,

Our downtown Toronto is home to growing neighbourhoods and tens of thousands of residents, including a growing number of kids and families.

It was inspiring to have hundreds of local families and interested residents participate in a recent information session I held about the new Toronto District School Board (TDSB) school -- Jean Lumb Public School -- opening in September 2019 next to Canoe Landing Park, on a site it will share with a new community centre, daycare and TCDSB school. The enthusiasm I am seeing and hearing about this much needed new shared-use community facility and public services reflect the most up-to-date census data for the city: that an increasing numbers of Toronto families are choosing to live in vertical communities in the downtown core. In fact, almost half of our city's population are living vertically!

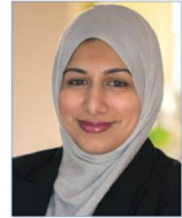
Decision-makers must ensure our city services consider the needs of all residents, including those in growing downtown neighbourhoods. This is why any review of the noise by-law must be done with thorough local community consultation, and consider the unique needs and characteristics of our downtown neighbourhoods.

While Toronto's downtown core is an important destination for visitors and people who commute daily for work and school, 240,000 people live downtown and it is all too common an occurrence under the existing noise by-law system for their concerns to be sidelined. Committed local residents' associations and neighbourhood associations in my TDSB Ward have been diligently representing the experiences and concerns of residents. Their continuing advocacy is invaluable.

Unfortunately, with the current noise by-law, downtown residents and families are forced to deal with overnight construction on a regular basis which is unhealthy and unsustainable -- and with little recourse available for local councillors to change it.



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I am happy to hear that staff are recommending further consultation as part of the noise by-law review. I urge the committee members to accept staff recommendations for further consultation. As the Trustee for TDSB Ward 10 (City Wards 19 and 20), I look forward to advocating with communities, families, and parents in neighbourhoods across my ward to strengthen the noise by-law and build a vibrant, sustainable downtown for families and residents in our vertical communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ausma Malik".

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