

TORONTO ISLAND
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



To: The Toronto Planning and Growth Management Committee
Re: **TOcore: Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment**

PG 29.4

Date: Apr 26, 2018

Dear Councillors

The Toronto Island Noise Committee (TINC), a committee of the Toronto Island Community Association, and a member of the Toronto Noise Coalition (TNC), is writing to address the Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment to be presented to the Toronto Planning and Growth Management Committee on May 1, 2018.

TINC has over twenty years experience working to maintain a healthy harbour soundscape, with MLS, the AGCO, our Councillors, and York Quay NA as our partners. With the harbour making close neighbours of all of us who live, work, and play around it, we believe our experience is a valuable asset to the City as it develops its vision for a dense mixed-use downtown core.

Noise and vibrations are considered contaminants under the provincial Environmental Provincial Act. For noise and vibration sources such as music or construction to co-exist with residents, careful thought must be given to prevention and mitigation. A strong noise bylaw is a necessary component of mixed-use planning, but it is no substitute for prevention and mitigation.

The noise mitigation measures currently proposed in the TOCore plan are far from robust, and will not result in a healthy and vibrant downtown. Much more is needed.

With the Downtown Plan, we now have an excellent opportunity to consider prevention and mitigation strategies that are workable, affordable, enforceable, and helpful to all stakeholders. We need to develop best practices, and include them in the plan.

Our recommendations:

We support the TNC recommendations to improve mitigation measures in the TOCore plan

We recommend a properly facilitated working group, to develop best practice up-front measures which both contain noise and vibration and address the concerns of industry

We are willing to participate in such a working group

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a distinct "R".

Lynn Robinson, Chair
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