



April 2, 2019

RE: EC3.6 Noise By-law Review - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 591, Noise – Continuous Pouring of Concrete

Dear Chair and Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee,

I am writing with respect to proposed elimination of the exemption for the continuous pouring of concrete under the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 591-2.1 subsection B(2).

I understand that there are significant concerns with respect to the removal of this exemption and the impacts that it would have from both a process standpoint and increasing the cost and time to build new housing to serve Toronto's growth.

As you may be aware, once the pouring of concrete begins on a work site, the work associated with that pour must be completed shortly thereafter. This raises issues over the practicality of securing a noise exemption where work could unexpectedly occur outside permitted construction hours for a variety of reasons.

Our city is complex with many moving parts including traffic and the reality that construction is taking place in residential areas, impacting local residents. However, I do not believe a balance on this issue been reached and that further work needs to take place to ensure there is a balance between ensuring our city continues to grow and the mitigation of noise in our communities.

I respectfully request that items relating to the continuous pouring of concrete be referred back to City staff for additional consultations with stakeholders and to be reported back to the Economic and Community Development Committee at a later date.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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