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TORONTO ISLAND
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



To: Chair and members of Economic and Community Development Committee
Re: **Noise By-law Review - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 591, Noise**
Date: April 1, 2019

I am writing on behalf of The Toronto Island Noise Committee (TINC), a committee of the Toronto Island Community Association. TINC has worked hard since 1995 to keep the harbour soundscape healthy. We have been active in the Noise By-law Review for the last three years, and participated in the MLS Working Committee. We are also members of the Toronto Noise Coalition.

We wish to express great concern about the proposed revision to the Toronto Noise Bylaw.

The purpose of any noise bylaw is to protect public health. Despite the MLS Working group, and despite the recent public consultation, this proposal leaves the public at risk.

If passed, this revision will **effectively leave many residents without protection from loud amplified sound.**

The proposal bases enforcement of amplified sound on the premise that bylaw officers will always be available to take measurements. This is not practical, nor is it common sense. Island residents, because of our location, as well as city residents who experience intermittent and unpredictable noise from amplified sound, **will have no remedies.**

Measurements must be layered **under** a general prohibition that prohibits all unreasonable sound at all times, so that residents can write noise logs that provide evidence when officers are not available.

We must have a General Prohibition that protects residents from disturbing noise from all sources at all times. This means that Clause § 591-2.9.B that excludes certain noise sources from this protection should be removed.

We are making a simple request:

That the proposed amendments be tabled until stakeholders have met with MLS to discuss this important matter.

Sincerely yours

Lynn Robinson, Chair

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