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**City Council consideration on October 1, 2021**  
**MM36.5 Protecting Healthcare Workers**

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council:

Lytton Park Residents' Organization strongly supports the motion, tabled by Councillors Mike Colle and Shelley Carroll, to request the Toronto Police Services Board to work with the Chief of Police and the Toronto Police Service to develop a rapid response protocol for addressing harassment and intimidation of frontline healthcare workers, small business owners, and frontline employees by anti-vaxxer protestors.

The motion asks that the City and the Police Service explore the feasibility of providing a safe zone around hospitals, healthcare facilities, COVID-19 testing centres, and vaccine clinics to prevent anti-vaxxer protestors from delaying the regular and critical functioning of these facilities.

Hospital workers, for more than one-and-a-half years, have given extraordinary compassion and help to those suffering from the most serious effects of the Covid virus. The hospital workers, in turn, deserve respect and compassion from all of us. They need to be protected from harassment at their workplace.

We have seen also reports of schools, restaurants, businesses, and malls being subjected to extreme harassment by a cohort of people who are against vaccines. This harassment and intimidation is not acceptable. These venues also need some protection against this type of behaviour.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Kapral, Vice-President, LPRO

c: Councillor Mike Colle  
Councillor Shelley Carroll