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To: Economic and Community Development Committee

- Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Chair)
- Councillor Shelley Carroll (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Paula Fletcher
- Councillor Ausma Malik
- Councillor Chris Moise
- Councillor Jaye Robinson

EC 8.13 - Recommended Amendments to Chapter 545, Licensing for Bars, Restaurants, and Entertainment Venues as part of the Night Economy Review

Having a night economy in Toronto is a good idea. But it is an idea that has to be conditional based on the neighbourhood that the changes are for. The night economy is not one size fits all. Long Branch has a few entertainment venues (Sloppy Joes, Legion 101, South Side Johnny's and Timothy's) that support live music and they are an important part of the community and also patronized by the local community. Long Branch did have one dance club, entertainment venue (The Port House) that was a destination venue and not heavily patronized by locals. Many of the patrons did not respect the low rise neighbourhood that it abutted and the establishment had constant noise complaints, from their back-of-establishment patio, as they played loud music till 2:00 am.

The UK has produced case studies (<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/approaches-managing-night-time-economy>) that show how strong involvement with many levels of government is needed to have a successful night economy. They talked about how the night-time economy can be associated with issues, predominantly around alcohol fuelled violence

and crime and anti-social behaviour. They realized that addressing the various challenges that present themselves in the night-time economy is not something that councils can do alone.

They documented that it is important that partnerships are in place and staff is allocated to support the local communities.

Many cities, including Vancouver and Austin, with a vibrant night economy have strict noise regulations and restrictions on where entertainment venues can be. Creating strict noise by-laws is a step that the city has skipped and should be completed before the changes to Zoning By-laws and locations of venues are made.

Noise is already a great issue as the city received 10,000 noise complaints for amplified sound last year. This issue needs to be addressed with more enforcement and fines including the hiring of more enforcement officers before EC 8.13 is approved.

The LBNA request that item EC 8.13 and, by common topic, EC 8.14 be deferred as the city's own planning process has not been followed. Section 5.5.1.c.iv states that "Fair and Open and Accessible public process for amending implementing and reviewing this plan will be achieved by: providing adequate and various opportunities for those affected be informed and contribute to planning process ensuring that the draft Official Plan amendments are made available to the public for review at least twenty days prior to statutory public meetings and endeavoring to make draft by-law available for review at least 10 days prior statutory public meetings ..."
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The city must engage and properly consult with all the proposed affected neighbourhoods to form a partnership for a Night Economy to work and be successful. Change is expected but must comply with rules and regulations that are the result of this partnership. Having a one size fits all and not consulting with neighbourhoods does not address the equity issues and the goals of a Night Economy for the City.

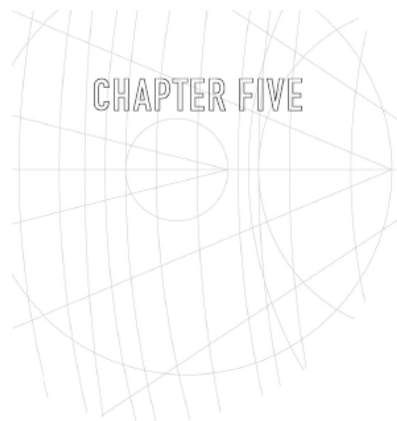
This amendment, in its current form, should be deferred and revised to incorporate feedback from the affected communities that have not been involved so they are given the opportunity to contribute, review, understand and give feedback on the content of the changes as required by the official plan.

Sincerely,



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Vice Chair
Long Branch Neighbourhood Association

Figure 1 - Official Plan 5.5



IMPLEMENTATION: MAKING THINGS HAPPEN

Information and materials to be made available to the public for review will be provided upon request in electronic and/or paper copy form at a fee not to exceed the City's actual cost in providing such information or material.

Schedule 3 outlines the City requirements for complete applications. When seeking development approvals from the City, applicants should also refer to "Building Toronto Together - A Development Guide" which outlines the City's development review processes. In addition to the requirements of the *City of Toronto Act*, *Planning Act* and/or Regulations, the City may require additional information to properly evaluate an application. Complete application requirements may be discussed during pre-application consultation.

Policies

1. Public Involvement

A fair, open and accessible public process for amending, implementing and reviewing this Plan will be achieved by:

- a) encouraging participation by all segments of the population, recognizing the ethno-racial diversity of the community and with special consideration to the needs of individuals of all ages and abilities;
- b) promoting community awareness of planning issues and decisions, through use of clear, understandable language and employing innovative processes to inform the public, including the use of traditional and electronic media; and
- c) providing adequate and various opportunities for those affected by planning decisions to be informed and contribute to planning processes, including:
 - i. encouraging pre-application community consultation;
 - ii. holding at least one community meeting in the affected area, in addition to the minimum statutory meeting requirements of the *Planning Act*, for proposed Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law amendments prior to approval;
 - iii. ensuring that information and materials submitted to the City as part of an application during the course of its processing are made available to the public; and
 - iv. ensuring that draft Official Plan amendments are made available to the public for review at least twenty days prior to statutory public meetings, and endeavouring to make draft Zoning By-law amendments available to the public for review at least ten days prior to statutory public meetings, and if the draft amendments are substantively modified, further endeavouring to make the modified amendments publicly available at least five days prior to consideration by Council.

2. Mandatory Pre-Application Consultation and Complete Applications

A pre-application consultation meeting with City staff shall be required prior to the submission of an application for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Plan of Subdivision, and/or Site Plan Control Approval, in accordance with the pre-application consultation by-law pursuant to the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act*. Applications to amend the Official Plan, to amend the Zoning By-law and applications for Plan of Subdivision, Plan of Condominium or Consent to Sever will comply with the statutory complete application submission requirements of the *Planning Act* and the requirements identified in Schedule 3.

In addition, applications for Site Plan Control Approval should satisfy the submission requirements identified in Schedule 3.