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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 23, 2024 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2024.EC16.4, Update on Outstanding Directives Related to the Noise By-law

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Comments:

AS Chair of the Mount Dennis Community Association, I am grateful to see that the Committee is moving forward on the fees waiver. The imposition of the fee, as well as increasing park fees, seriously impacts the ability of small groups to provide community events. We do support the control of noisy events, but the imposition on daytime community events has serious negative implications. Free events cannot exist within a harsh city fee schedule.

That said, in Mount Dennis we don't have a lot of overnight pickups, but it does seem that some streets face dozens of noisy sanitation trucks in quiet areas on collection days. Different vehicles collect trash, green bin, yard waste, large objects, and the truck visit twice, once on each side of the street. Add to this that the trucks all frequently return to the transfer station, as well as addition vehicles at apartments, and the noise extends from 7 to 7.

A program to inspect and enforce noise limits on all sanitation trucks at all times would be greatly appreciated.

Development of a Best Practices guide, followed by imposition of noise limits, would be appreciated by all residents, given so many people working extended hours and sleep during the day. Volvo has announced electric trucks, has Toronto asked for test units?

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