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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments - see attached PDF - to the agenda for the July 14, 2026 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2026.EC30.12, Review of Nightlife Hub Model. I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Dear Chair Bravo, Vice Chair Carroll and Councillors Kandavel, Malik, Mantas, Moise and Shan,

No More Noise supports a vibrant nighttime economy for Toronto that strengthens Toronto's arts, culture, and local businesses. If Toronto chooses to adopt Montréal's hub model, it should adopt the complete framework that has made it successful, not simply the extended operating hours.

Montréal's Nightlife Hub policy works because it is supported by 'good neighbour' requirements for venues to take responsibility for crowd control, overconsumption, harm reduction, and trash/sidewalk cleaning, and because it is backed by municipal investment in noise mitigation measures where venues need support installing them. This approach recognizes that a successful nightlife depends on protecting the health and quality of life of nearby residents.

Environmental noise is a well-established public health issue. Chronic nighttime noise has been linked to sleep disturbance, increased stress, poorer mental health, poorer cognitive performance, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and reduced quality of life. Protecting residents' ability to get healthy, uninterrupted sleep at night must be a central consideration in any future nightlife strategy.

Toronto already has a strong foundation through its [Good Neighbour Guide for Late-Night Businesses](#), which encourages venues to minimize sound, comply with the [Noise By-law](#), manage crowds, reduce litter, promote harm reduction, and build positive relationships with surrounding communities. As staff review Montréal's approach, these practices should become enforceable requirements for any designated nightlife hub, rather than remaining voluntary guidance.

Toronto should also examine Montréal's \$2.5 million [Noise Abatement Program](#), which helps independent venues install acoustic improvements needed to contain noise before problems arise. This complements Toronto's existing [Agent of Change principle](#) by recognizing that venues expanding their operations have the responsibility to mitigate impacts on surrounding neighbourhoods. Where significant retrofits are required, municipal funding should be considered to help independent venues meet higher acoustic standards.

If Toronto proceeds with designated nightlife hubs, participating establishments should be expected to demonstrate:

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- Regular monitoring of noise levels, noise complaints and wider community impacts with improvements made as required

Toronto does not need to choose between a vibrant nightlife and healthy neighbourhoods. Montréal demonstrates that both are possible when public health, sound management, and good neighbour practices are treated as essential parts of nightlife planning. We encourage Council to ensure these principles form the foundation of any future nightlife strategy for Toronto.

Thank you for your consideration,

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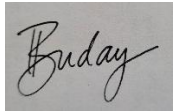
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