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MM41.22 – Toronto Needs Provincial Support to Enable Noise Camera Enforcement Now

To Mayor Chow, and members of Toronto City Council:

Established in Thorncliffe Park in the 1980s, the Leaside Towers Tenants Association of Thorncliffe Park (LTTA) is a volunteer, resident-led group that represents over 2,500 Torontonians residing at 85 and 95 Thorncliffe Park Drive on concerns relating to their rental apartment tenancies, as well as matters of broader importance to the community.

The LTTA supports Councillor Lily Cheng’s recommendations, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe.

Excessive and unnecessary noise, especially from modified vehicle exhaust systems has been a big problem in Thorncliffe Park for many years, particularly on Overlea Boulevard, and on Thorncliffe Park Drive.

For much of the year; Spring, Summer, and Fall, Thorncliffe Park is a regular destination for drivers with modified vehicle exhaust systems to gather for nighttime races, meaning that families, seniors, and children are routinely disturbed as they are trying to sleep.

The drivers gather on private property like the parking lot at East York Town Centre (45 Overlea Boulevard), Overlea Plaza (62 Overlea Boulevard), and sometimes the Costco parking lot (42 Overlea Boulevard) on weekend nights, and sometimes on weeknights too.

Sometimes, Thorncliffe Park residents must also listen to stunt driving (a.k.a. doing donuts / ripping skids) occurring in the private shopping mall parking lots, in addition to hearing modified vehicle exhaust systems being used up and down Overlea Boulevard, on Thorncliffe Park Drive, on William Morgan Drive, and on Pat Moore Drive.

Unfortunately, the private shopping malls owners in Thorncliffe Park have done nothing to stop this behaviour. There is no active private security presence when it is occurring after sunset or overnight, and no capital improvements have been made to install parking gate systems to close off all, or parts, of their lots overnight.

To make matters worse for Thorncliffe Park residents, all the apartments in our community have single pane windows that were installed when our neighbourhood was originally constructed in the 1960s.

Single pane windows do not provide any sound protection from outside noises.

We hear everything occurring outside, loudly.

The LTTA agrees that it is difficult, if not impossible, to enforce the existing noise bylaws in apartment neighbourhoods like Thorncliffe Park. There is no way for people living in high-rise apartment buildings to record the license plates of offending vehicles from 15 floors up, for example. And, regardless, the vehicles are gone long before an enforcement officer can arrive.

The LTTA of Thorncliffe Park encourages Toronto City Council to:

1. Pass MM41.22
2. Direct city staff to study the after hours / nighttime use of private parking lots, including but not limited to shopping malls, and to provide recommendations on what actions the City can take on private parking lots to improve community safety and security.

Thank you,

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