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Via Email  
Toronto City Council

**RE: MM43.72 - Assessing the Impact of the Data Centre located at 48 Lowe's Place**

Dear Mayor Chow and Toronto City Council,

No More Noise supports MM43.72, requesting that City staff urgently meet with the applicant for the proposed data centre at 48 Lowes Place to address concerns about noise impacts.

Toronto needs strict oversight of data centre developments to ensure they are designed, built and operated in a way that protects surrounding communities. While data centres provide important digital infrastructure, the significant, continuous mechanical noise they produce must be carefully managed.

**Noise must be treated as a public health issue. It is not merely an annoyance.** Data centres' cooling systems and mechanical equipment create persistent sounds. Exposure to this unwanted, chronic environmental noise is associated with sleep disruption, increased stress, impaired concentration, and negative impacts on physical and mental health. Adequate safeguards must be designed and installed in advance of commencing operation, rather than built later in response to complaints, to ensure that residents are not forced to tolerate ongoing noise and its harms to their health.

We encourage the City to ensure that the review of the 48 Lowes Place data centre includes:

- **A comprehensive noise assessment before occupancy** that reflects realistic operating conditions, including nighttime operation
- **Independent post-occupancy noise monitoring** to confirm that actual impacts align with approved expectations
- **Strong mitigation measures where needed**, including acoustic barriers, equipment enclosures, quieter mechanical systems, and other proven noise reduction strategies
- **Meaningful engagement with nearby residents** throughout the process

We thank Councillors Crisanti and Holyday for bringing forward this motion and urge City Council to support urgent action to ensure that noise impacts are fully assessed and mitigated with all data centres.

Thank you,

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