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Dear Counselor Pearson and Committee members:

Harbour West Neighbours and North End Neighbours, two resident associations in the North End have just learned of the report going to the Committee on January 17th from Mr. Thorne. Residents of the North End Neighbourhood have a very large amount of experience on this issue, having lived with the Sarcoa Noise problem, conducted research in other waterfront municipalities on noise issues, and studied the noise issues. In addition, as the Mayor may be able to confirm, the issue of noise on a patio has generated concern among Burlington residents and elected officials.

It is very difficult to understand that Mr. Thorne would send in a report on this highly contentious issue after consultation only with staff and an accoustic expert. Every neighbourhood adjacent to the proposed areas has a contribution to make to the discussion, and the North End neighbours and the Hess Village neighbours in particular have days and nights of experience on this issue.

We respectfully submit that this report should be referred back to planning staff to arrange consultation with the impacted neighbourhoods. This is at a bare minimum what is contemplated by our City's resident engagement policies adopted by Council.

We look forward to working with our Counselor and planning staff on this issue.

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President, Harbour West Neighbours

Board member: North End Neighbours.