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RE: Support for Correspondence from the City of Hamilton - Noise Concerns and Request for Expiry of Extended Construction Hours

Please be advised the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on September 21, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS municipalities have the authority under the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c. 25, (the "Municipal Act") to pass a Noise By-law to regulate and prohibit with respect to noise; and

WHEREAS in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario government sought to accelerate construction projects in municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government passed O. Reg 131120, under the Municipal Act, 2001 ("O. Reg 131/20") allowing for extended construction hours for projects associated with the healthcare sector to 24 hours a day and any other construction activity in a municipality between the hours of 6 am and 1 pm; and

WHEREAS O. Reg 131/20 limits a municipality's authority and enforcement through Section 451.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 from prohibiting and regulating noise with respect to after-hour noise from construction sites; and

WHEREAS there has been an increase in complaints as a result of after-hour noise caused by construction sites impacting the quiet enjoyment of the residents of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, O. Reg 131/20 is set to expire on October 7, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Whitchurch-Stouffville Council endorses the motion from the City of Hamilton and contact the Premier Ford and local Members of Parliament to ask that the Province to promptly expediate the expiry of Ontario Regulation 131/20, the COVID exemption for after-hours noise from construction sites.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Soolepp', written in a cursive style.

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cc. Helena Jaczek, Markham-Stouffville Member of Parliament
City of Hamilton