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City Councillor | Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

June 20th, 2019

To: Chris Murray, City Manager

Re: Gardiner Rehabilitation project overnight work

Dear Chris,

As you know, the City is resuming the Gardiner rehabilitation project this year between Lower Jarvis St. and Cherry St. I have been briefed on the construction plan by Engineering and Construction Services staff and am writing to express my strong concern and opposition to planned overnight work for the duration of the project.

This work is scheduled to begin July 6th, 2019 and continue until early 2021. City staff have authorized the contractor to perform overnight work at any point for the duration of the project, a period of at least 18 months. I have been told that the reason for the overnight work is to limit congestion on commuter roads and shorten the project duration.

Thousands of residents live in the area between Lower Jarvis St. and Cherry St. near the Gardiner Expressway. These residents choose to live in a downtown that is vibrant, active, and sometimes noisy. People expect to experience noise from special events, daytime construction, and occasional work overnight. They do not and should not expect to be faced with late night work that disrupts their lives for months on end. A balance should be struck, and 18 months of authorized overnight work is not it.

Residents of this area are already experiencing the long-term effects of frequent overnight work on the rail corridor as directed by Metrolinx.

As City Council has delegated authority to City staff to determine the construction hours for municipal work, I urge you to consider the extreme and unacceptable impacts of continuous late night construction noise on the thousands of families who make this area their home. Prioritizing minimizing motorist delay at the expense of all other considerations is not a balanced or viable way to maintain a liveable city.

I ask you to look for methods to eliminate or reduce any planned overnight work for the duration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Cressy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Cressy" clearly distinguishable.

Joe Cressy
Councillor, Ward 10

Cc: Tracey Cook, Deputy City Manager
Mayor John Tory