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Chair and Members of the Civic Works Committee

Re: Noise Matters – Highbury Avenue – Related to Agenda Item #5

While I am glad to hear of the dollars contributed by Hydro One being put towards more tree plantings in our community, there continues to be a significant concern as to the noise impact that now exists for those homes along Highbury Avenue resulting from the removal of trees in the area by Hydro One. Due to the width of the right-of-way, there is no place for the City to plant trees to assist with mitigating the noise.

In the effort to continue to assist the residents with the resulting noise impacts, I am hoping my colleagues would consider supporting a recommendation to have staff investigate and report back on possible options to address the noise impacts being experienced by abutting homes along Highbury Avenue and any related costs for implementing such options.

I am therefore respectfully requesting support of the following recommendation:

That the Civic Administration be directed to investigate and report back on possible options to address the noise impacts being experienced by homes abutting Highbury Avenue resulting from the recent removal of trees by Hydro One, including the costs for implementing such options; it being noted that the Civic Administration would as part of the investigation, review the City's policy on local improvement, as it related to noise attenuation barriers, as well as past projects.

Respectfully submitted,

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