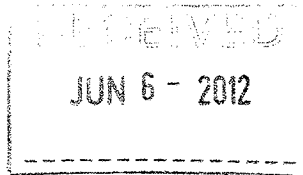


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Community Services Committee
C/O City Clerk's Office
Room 308
300 Dufferin Street
London, ON



606 Waterloo Street
London, N6B 2R3
6 June 2012

Re: Public Participation Meeting June 19, 2012. **Written Submission against changes to Amplified Sound and Hours of Operation of Special Events**

Dear Committee Members:

We, the undersigned, appreciate the summer festivals that take each year in Victoria Park but **are against changes to the Amplified Sound levels and Hours of Operation** of events for the following obvious reasons:

- 1) Residents in the area should have the right to enjoy their properties without being tormented by excessive levels and duration of sound beyond the existing rules (which have generally satisfied the concerns of citizens living nearby while still ensuring the success of festivals taking place in Victoria Park). Increasing the volume of music and hours of operation will do little to improve events, as the music can already be heard as far away as Old North.
- 2) An increase to sound levels will be multiplied by the numbers of groups playing at any one time. SunFest, for example, has 3-4 musical groups playing simultaneously, which will mean that increased sound levels will be multiplied somewhat. The committee should take into account the cumulative effects of sound (and the cacophony resulting from the clash of sounds as multiple groups perform).
- 3) Victoria Park is bounded by senior citizens complexes, apartment and condominium buildings, offices and local neighbourhoods all of which will bear the brunt of any increases to volume and duration of sound, and for two to three or more days for larger events.
- 4) Many residents in the Woodfield area also have small children whose health and welfare should be taken into consideration, as should that of the many children brought to events.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paul Woodford & Jill Ball

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