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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hosting Rock the Park

Please include this letter on the Council public agenda.

Dear Members of Council,

Please ask yourself, would your constituents embrace Rock the Park in their public park for four days or five days? If the answer is NO, then please do not impose this event on other communities. If the answer is YES, then please consider hosting Rock the Park. There is no reason why Rock the Park cannot be moved to Springbank Park or the Western Fair District, both being easily accessible from downtown and the local commercial area would benefit.

I don't think The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization would have awarded London its label if they knew the city was using it simply to attract commercial money making events rather than fostering true talent. Was UNESCO informed that the city abandoned its symphony and threw its musicians out in the street simply because it was poorly managed and it took the federal govt. to resurrect it? Or that there is no Jazz in this city, no choral music, no recognition of the student musicians enrolled in the music program at Western, no organized busking program that links buskers with high foot traffic areas such as Masonville Mall or Westmount Mall? Or that London has no affordable rehearsal space for local musicians?

Or that the City rides roughshod over residents and fails to manage loud outdoor events with the well being of residents in mind? Who knows what was communicated to UNESCO for it to falsely declare London a music city in Canada. Or that its name is being exploited for commercial purposes.

Move Rock the Park out of Harris Park and give the park back to us.

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