



June 17, 2020

Rt. Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building,
Queen's Park. Toronto,
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Dear Premier Ford;

On April 8th, 2020, the provincial government altered the lawful working hours to allow for non-health care related construction activity **6 AM - 10 PM, seven days a week, until September 2021.**

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200130>

While there is no argument that construction involving health care facilities is truly essential, the inclusion of residential condominium and commercial projects under that same designation was always questionable, at best.

The result has been that residents near to residential and commercial construction sites are jolted awake **every day** at 6 AM (or earlier) by the sound of delivery trucks, bac-alarms and the shouts of construction workers.

If the intent was to extend the workday to facilitate construction and safely spread out shifts, this has largely not been realized, with many sites closing by mid-afternoon, and on some weekend days, often before lunch despite a 6 am start. All this expansion of hours has accomplished is to allow construction workers to start earlier so they can finish earlier.

The effect on residents, however, has been profound. Already anxious about Covid-19, stressed about employment/ income insecurities, and spending endless hours sheltering in place, this ongoing noise assault only adds an additional stressor without any perceptible benefit.



Even the one day of respite, Sunday, has been taken from us.

We ask that this April ruling be reversed, without delay, to the previous TO bylaw for construction hours for residential/commercial projects.

Sincerely yours,

Rick Green,
On behalf of the GDNA Board
Patricia Aquino
Jeff Ibsen
Valerie Eggertson

Co-signatories

Annex Residents Association
Beaconsfield Village Residents Association
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Fort York Residents Association
Grange Community Association
Harbord Village Residents Association
Ossington Community Association
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association
Toronto Entertainment District Residents Association
Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association
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