



April 18, 2022

**TO:** Whom It May Concern

**RE:** Just for Laughs / Elevate Festivals – St. Lawrence neighbourhood – September 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** not yet scheduled

**RECOMMENDATION:** staff report in preparation

**FESTIVAL DATES** (proposed):

- Sept 19 - Load In & Set Up
- Sept 20/21/22 - Elevate Festival
- Sept 23/24/25 - JFL Toronto Festival
- Sept 26 (until 6am) - Load Out & Tear Down

**STREET CLOSURES** (proposed):

- Front Street: from Yonge to Church (all lanes)
- Lower Scott Street: from Front to Scott Lane + the west (southbound) curb lane from Scott Lane to The Esplanade
- Upper Scott Street: from Front to approx 135' N, before the parking garage entrance
- Note re Berczy Park: The dog relief area indicated by Friends of Berczy Park will remain outside of the Festival footprint
- Note re pedestrian access: access will be maintained going E to W and N to S in the area and no residential, business or parking entrances will be blocked.

To Whom It May Concern:

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association supports the proposed street closures in concept, subject to minor modifications that it may request/recommend once detailed plans and drawings are made available.

The applications from Elevate and Just for Laughs Toronto to produce and deliver these two complementary events in September 2022 will provide very positive impetus for the continuing recovery of this neighbourhood. The Association is confident that it can work with the producers to address and resolve any minor inconveniences to the neighbourhood that these festivals may introduce. Indeed, SLNA fully supports the objective of either or both of these events becoming an annual part of the neighbourhood's entertainment / public participation mosaic.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) is a not-for-profit community organization incorporated in 1983, which represents the interests of 30,000+ people who live in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood – a number which continues to grow with many new residential buildings under construction or approved. The neighbourhood extends from Yonge St. to



Parliament St. and from Queen St. to the rail corridor to the south. All of the planned 'festival' streets, as well as Berczy Park, form core parts of the neighbourhood.

The Association intends to submit a similar letter of support to Toronto and East York Community Council at an upcoming meeting when the staff report recommending these closures is tabled for consideration.

Sincerely,

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