



"Friend of the Boy"

*The* OPTIMIST CLUB OF TORONTO  
*Incorporated*

March 3, 1970.

Toronto Optimist Junior Drum & Bugle Corps.,  
Attention: Mr. Harold Coulson, Chairman,  
Apt. 303, 25 Widdicombe Hill,  
Weston 627, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

In July 1969, The Board of Directors of The Optimist Club of Toronto, faced with a situation of steadily increasing costs and reducing funds, made a decision to withdraw from sponsorship and financial support of the Junior Drum & Bugle Corps as soon as possible.

A special committee headed by Mr. D. James Karswick was appointed to implement the Board's decision.

On December 8, 1969, the Board of Directors gave specific direction to the Committee to advise the Drum & Bugle Corps that it would be phasing out its sponsorship and financial support by September 30, 1970.

While I understand you have been aware of our proceedings in this matter, it is best that you be notified officially.

If another sponsor wishes to take over before September 30, 1970, we shall be very pleased to co-operate in any way including appropriate arrangements regarding the band instruments in which we have a considerable investment.

It is important that no purchase undertaking, honorarium obligation or commitment of any kind be made involving payment after September 30, 1970, by the Optimist Club of Toronto.

Our decision, based on necessity, in no way changes our high regard for the band and its youth work. We are very proud of the Junior Drum & Bugle Corps. From a modest beginning it has over the years of our sponsorship achieved great renown. We are happy to have nurtured it to graduation.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

David W. Forrester,  
President.

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c.c. Mr. D. James Karswick