



Demand London's City Councilors Do NOT Ban Life-Saving Speech & Charter Rights



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The pro-life message and the rights to Free Speech and Expression are under attack in the City of London, Ontario.

On December 5, London City Councilors Hadleigh McAlister and Sam Trosow forwarded a motion to the city's Community and Protective Services Committee to expand the controversial "Graphic Image Delivery By-law" to include all public images of unborn children banned from public view.

They want to ban abortion victim photography images from the streets, as they are used to reveal the stark reality of abortion to the general public.

Protect and Respect Your Citizens' Freedom of Speech and Expression

Dear Mayor Josh Morgan and London City Councilors,

I urgently call upon you to reject the proposed amendment to the 2022 bylaw, "Graphic Image Delivery - PW14", seeking to ban pro-life demonstrations and discussions on public sidewalks that display

These images spark public conversation and debate, resulting in life-saving decisions that save countless unborn lives.

Councilors McAlister and Trosow want to ban them from being used on public streets to prevent pro-lifers from using their freedom of speech and expression to reveal the horrible truth and grim reality of abortion.

Why?

Because they're "graphic" and might upset someone.

But isn't that the point of free speech? To stir up feelings, provoke thought, challenge beliefs?

Councilor Trosow seems to think otherwise.

He even admitted that the expansion to ban these images infringes upon our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

As Trosow stated to the committee, "If the people that are portraying these graphic images say it constitutes a limitation of their expression, **yes it certainly does.**"

Both Councilors McAlister and Trosow know they're in the wrong, especially Trosow because he's an associate law professor at Western University!

Blaise Alleyne from the Canadian Centre of Bioethical Reform (CCBR) argues that this amendment violates one's right to express oneself freely on a multitude of issues, including abortion.

Alleyne has stated how similar victim photos, such as those used "on a wide variety of issues, whether it's animal rights groups, or human trafficking or the conflict in the Middle East."

"graphic images" of unborn children.

This amendment violates our fundamental rights to freedom of speech and expression, as the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes.

As you may be aware, your fellow City Councilors, Hadleigh McAlister and Sam Trosow, are attempting to silence a crucial conversation that our society needs to have.

By banning these images, they stifle dialogue, hinder public education on the issue, and prevent countless individuals from making informed decisions that protect human life, including individuals' most vulnerable moments within their mothers' wombs.

It is important to remember that the right not to be offended does not exist in Canadian law.

Suppressing the freedom of speech and expression because some may find it uncomfortable is not a valid justification.

As a citizen who believes in free and open public discussion, I must be willing to face the truth and

Being offended or upset by an image is not a valid reason to limit anyone's freedom of expression or speech.

No provision within the Charter of Rights and Freedoms or Canadian law states that one has the "right" not to be offended or disturbed.

As Jordan Peterson rightly stated in his viral 2018 Channel 4 Interview, **"In order to be able to think, you need to risk being offensive."**

We must stand together and raise our voices so the London City Council cannot afford to ignore our outcry.

If this fight is lost, London City Council will set a dangerous precedent that declares it is acceptable to censor the **TRUTH** from the public eye.

With your help, we can defend the freedoms needed to the truth, no matter how grim it may be, so that hearts and minds can be changed regarding unborn human beings.

Sign the petition today and demand that Mayor Josh Morgan and the City Councilors of London, Ontario, reject this authoritarian amendment.

Sources:

[Ontario city officials could ban abortion victim photographs on public property](#)

[Councillors seek ban on displaying images of fetuses on London streets](#)

[Graphic Image Delivery Law in London](#)

[Jordan Peterson on Freedom of Expression](#)

engage in meaningful conversations, even if it challenges my own personally held beliefs.

I believe we should be encouraging, not censoring, these discussions within public spaces, as the public debate is a critical pillar in having an open and fair democratic society that values fundamental human rights and freedoms.

Please stand up for my fundamental rights and do not pass this amendment, which infringes on our cherished freedom of speech and expression.

By opposing this amendment, you will foster a genuinely fair and free society that values open dialogue and the exchange of different ideas.

Sincerely,

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