

May 19, 2016

Chair and Members of the  
Planning and Environment Committee

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment – Amplified Music on Patios

On March 22, 2016, Municipal Council resolved the following with respect to Music, Entertainment and Cultural Districts:

“That the staff BE DIRECTED to continue on with the public engagement process and completion of the Music, Entertainment and Cultural District Background Study which may result in recommended amendments to various City by-laws and processes for the 2017 event season. (2/11/SPPC)”

The staff report related to the above-noted matter, included discussion pertaining to the potential introduction of a pilot project to permit amplified music on existing outside patios during the “Country Music Week” (September 8 to 11, 2016). This would be in contravention of the City of London’s Zoning By-law Z-1, as amended. Section 4.18(5) of Zoning By-law states as follows:

“4.18 OUTDOOR PATIO ASSOCIATED WITH A RESTAURANT OR TAVERN

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law, the following shall apply to an outdoor patio associated with a permitted restaurant:

5) ENTERTAINMENT

No amplified or electronic music (whether performed live or recorded), dancing or other forms of entertainment shall be permitted, with the exception of non-amplified acoustical music. “

In order to permit the “pilot project” to proceed, an amendment to the above-noted regulation would be required to temporarily permit amplified music on existing outdoor patios.

The Civic Administration is therefore seeking support to provide the following direction to the Civic Administration.

“That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to proceed with a City initiated Zoning By-law Amendment to notwithstanding with regulations set out in section 4.18 5) of Zoning By-law Z-1, as amended to permit amplified music on existing outside patios for the period of August 1 to September 30, 2016.”

Respectfully submitted,

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