

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

11. Extension of Hours for Sound from Outdoor Stage on Talbot Street During Country Music Week

- Mike Harris, 330 Ridout Street North, Condo 2401 – indicating that he is a member of the London Downtown Community Association (LDCA) and thanking Councillor Park for reaching out to the London Downtown Community Association for the input on the extending the curfew from 11:00 pm to 1:00 am; expressing on behalf of the membership, the LDCA fully supports the extension to 1:00 am; noting that their only comment is around the busing, if some thought could be given to increasing the bus schedules so that people going to the event can get home safely.
- Gloria Girges, 59 Elmgrove Crescent – indicating that she is against extending the noise until 1:00 am; noting that her concern is not just this venue but for fear that it will encourage other venues to ask for the same request; noting that over the years that she has lived in London, since 1980, the Noise By-law has been extended; advising that in speaking to many people that work for the City, and thanking them very much for their quick response back to calls; noting that there are by-law fines, she understands that for special events the fines can accumulate up to \$500; further noting that when speaking to some of the members of Council and also some of the members of the City, she has heard back that businesses just take that and add it into their budget, they are not very concerned about the by-law fine; indicating that she is concerned because she lives in Westmount, just off of Andover, she can certainly hear the sound and it is loud; expressing that after three days of the sound coming until 1:00 am and asking if it would it go further than 1:00 am, this is kind of an unknown; expressing that she doesn't know how many people will be down there until 1:00 am, she is not sure if it would be a large group of people, but she is sure that the City of London will have a large group of people who will hear this sound; further indicating that her concern for the Committee is to think about the large group; expressing that of course they are excited about this event coming to the City of London and they appreciate the people who have worked so hard to get it here; lastly, as she said before her concern is not for the volume but rather the length and what's going to happen in the next venue that someone comes and says "will you please extend it for us"?; asking if it will be recognized as a one-time thing or are you going to say "well we did it before", therefore we have precedent set, perhaps we should do it again; further asking the Committee Members to consider; expressing that as a person who lives in Westmount, that we hear the sound, and that it is loud, even if 90 decibels doesn't sound like a lot, it is a lot and does carry throughout the City.
- Andrew Sercombe, 351 Talbot Street - providing the attached communication on behalf of Downtown London.