

Friday, July 14, 2017

Community and Protective Services Committee
London, Ontario

Dear Members of the Community and Protective Services Committee,

I am writing to you on behalf of Lynn's Bakery & Deli in regards to a staff report that the committee will be receiving indicating that no adult entertainment establishment has been in operation here at our location of 2190 Dundas St. for a period of greater than 6 months.

We have been in business here at this location, serving the local east end community, and beyond, since 1980. We have seen business come and go out of this location, including strip joints and body rub parlors. We have also seen the negative impact business such as these bring to our business, our employees, and our community.

Our business is oriented towards a diverse group of customers that reside in the argyle area, young families, and seniors. I cannot begin to tell you how many people came into our store after Famous Flesh Gordon's and the Mirage had closed that had avoided this area because of what was open next door. Prior to these places closing, our customers and staff had to deal with situations such as strippers and massage parlour workers wearing less when what would be deemed appropriate at our local beaches, doing various types of drugs and leaving paraphernalia for us to pick up, all during our operating hours. Loss of business for us is inevitable, and has become a source of worry. Customers will choose to go else where, than having to deal with all these unsavoury situations. As for myself and my employees, here are some of the issues we have had to deal with in the past. Watching patrons of the strip club urinating outside on our walls during, and after business hours, sweeping up used condoms and drug paraphernalia including needles, and on occasion sweeping up used underwear and human feces. Our business runs almost 24 hours a day with staff leaving as late as 8pm and starting as early as 11pm. Bakers were afraid to go outside in the middle of the night on hot summers nights to catch a breath of fresh air. Staff afraid of leaving after closing in case they are approached, rushing to their cars in fear of their safety. It used to be a scary, disheartening situation for them, something that that they should not have to go through again. .

We ask that the committee receive this report and recommend to council that our location, 2190 Dundas St. be deleted from the defined location list in schedules D and K, as related to sections 3 and 5 of the City of London's existing L-6 Business Licensing By-law. More massage parlors and strip joints is not what this neighborhood needs.

Thank you for reviewing my request and your consideration and also your commitment to the City of London and the business' and families within. This is an opportunity where we can change the stigma of the city's east end and continue to let it flourish.

Sincerely,



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