

Dear Mr. Orser,

I purchased our first house in London three years ago. Let me begin by saying it wasn't my first choice of residency but I worked inside the city and it seemed to have a convenient factor to it. I grew up in a small town, on a farm, and the hustle and bustle of London was a lot to take in. I wasn't thrilled about living here but when I began to work in downtown London, I began to fall in love with aspects of the city.

The vibrancy and aura of London change when the festivals hit Victoria Park. The streets seem more alive and the downtown has a more open and welcoming feel to it. Even with Car Free Day, the change from what Dundas Street normally is to what I experienced that day is exactly what London, and City Council, keeps saying we need to clean up the downtown core.

What I find hypocritical, and almost depressing, is when we have the chance to change what is set and move forward into the future, we shut it down and listen only to those who do not want the change. London needs to take a leap of chance to change the image of the downtown core and transform it into the vibrant area everyone wants to visit that Mr. Fontana keeps speaking of. Well council has been proposed to increase the sound decibels as well as prolong the festival times, it would seem only fair to compromise and allow one of the proposals through. As Council, it is impossible to make everybody happy but it is important for London to welcome the arts and culture and attract talent into our city. Again, London needs to look towards the future if it is looking for change.

I look forward to you representing our ward and leading London into the future.

Sincerely,

Kelly Elliott-McMillan