

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.1 Sound By-law – Outdoor Patio Time Exemption and Housekeeping Amendments

- A.M. Valastro – indicating that she is there to speak to the sound by-law with respect to Juno Week as well as the housekeeping items; stating that the housekeeping items are of particular concern to those in neighbourhood, which is right off of Richmond Row; indicating that the housekeeping item is expanding amplified sound on patios year round and she has not been able to get a reason why this is happening from staff; noting that in her neighbourhood there is currently amplified sound coming from the Runt Club; stating that there is amplified sound that comes from Meat Heads and it was quite loud in December; noting that there is nobody on the patio now, it is just amplified for the sake of bringing attention to the establishment; stating that this is very concerning for those in her neighbourhood and nobody has been able to explain why an expansion of construction permits is being linked to the expansion of patio permits; asking the Committee to please be clear and concise with respect to what the intentions are with the housekeeping items; stating that if the intent is to allow amplified music on patios in the winter, can that be stated in the by-law so that people have an understanding of what the rules are; indicating that if it not the intent to have amplified music on patios year-round, please state that; stating that a lot of people are uncomfortable with the fact that one person, the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, has discretionary power; stating that she got the permits from last year and there were some discrepancies in how those permits were issued; stating that she is looking for some more clarity as to what the intent of the housekeeping items is; indicating that another housekeeping item is to remove annual reporting because establishments that will be getting permits will be listed on the website for the public to see but it is more than just who has a permit, it is about what is in those permits that is a concern and there needs to be an avenue to have those conversations in a transparent manner; stating that if the annual reporting is removed she does not understand where that dialogue might take place; stating that this issue is being pushed through at an afternoon meeting, when it is difficult for people to attend to speak to this issue, because of the Junos; indicating that it is her understanding that linking the construction permits to the amplified sound on patio permits is related to the Junos so that patios do not have to pay twice for a permit; noting that March 17 is St. Patrick's Day and there is a real enforcement issue in her neighbourhood on that day; requesting that the time extension not happen on March 17 because people will just loiter outside of the establishments that amplify music which causes a lot of street congestion and disruption for residents.