

Dear Ms Westlake-Power,

I am requesting delegation status for the November 23, 2021 Corporate Services Committee regarding an amendment to the Public Notice Policy.

The original request was first made on March 29, 2021. Please see original letter below with attachments.

The amendments were endorsed by the committee at that time and then confirmed at the next meeting of Council. I am here again because the changes that were implemented at the July 2, 2021 CSC did not reflect our request which was adopted by Council.

The amendment was part of a large package of amendments and I believe the entire package was approved without looking at the finer details. We were asking that area residents be notified of a proposed private/public parking lot and be given an opportunity to review and comment on the new parking lot. That is not what was submitted on July 2, 2021. What was submitted was only a notice on the City's website. **It is not reasonable to conclude that this will suffice in notifying residents of a major change in their neighbourhood such as a new private/public parking lot.**

In addition we made several enquires to by-law enforcement asking for notification on when this amendment will be brought forward again to CSC so we may comment again and this never happened. Please see attached emails. So regrettably I am back again asking that the original request which was made in good faith please be upheld as it was originally approved by Council.

The specific change that is being requested today is that area residents be notified as usual i.e. 120 metre radius of a proposed parking lot and be given an opportunity to review and comment.

Thank you

AnnaMaria Valastro

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	request for delegation
Date:	2021-03-18 17:03
From:	bettyboop
To:	CSC@london.ca

Dear Ms. Westlake-Power,

I am requesting delegation status for the Corporate Services Committee meeting of March 29, 2021.

Dear Members of the Corporate Services Committee,

I am here today to ask for an amendment to the Public Notice Policy.

The amendment requires the civic administration to consult with area residents when considering a new municipal parking lot. **The wording of the proposed policy reflects the wording used by Chief By-law Enforcement Officer Orest Katolyk at the January 7, 2020 Civic Works Committee: (video que 1.05 min.)**

Civic administration will inform and consult with area residents through a public participation meeting and site plan approval process on proposed new municipal parking lots.

I want to explain what happened in my neighbourhood in 2019 when the city entered into a partnership with a private property owner who owned several properties along John St., St. George St. and Mill St. in North Talbot. It was the worst thing that has happened to this neighbourhood possibly ever and it doesn't appear the damage done will be reversed.

And we don't want that to happen to any other neighbourhood.

In 2019 the above-mentioned property owner entered into an agreement to co-manage a municipal parking lot with the City of London in the interior block bound by John St., St. George St. and Mill St. The boundaries of the parking lot encompassed other private property not part of the agreement and butted up against the private windows of tenants renting these properties from the private property owner.

Over one weekend the property owner bulldozed the backyards of these properties, stripped off all top soil and bulldozed trees. In the process, property of other landowners was damaged. This was done without any notice to adjacent property owners and possibly tenants who may have rented the property prior to the commencement of the school year with a backyard only to return to a property with no backyard. The bulldozing occurred in September 2019. Residents did not have time to ask whether tree permits were required or time to make inquiries. In a blink, backyards were gone and the block instantly became bare leaving all adjacent properties surrounded by a parking lot.

Frantic calls were made to by-law enforcement but the response was unconcerned and I now understand why. They were aware of the partnership with the city for a municipal parking lot and we weren't. In fact, I personally needed to file a Municipal Freedom of Information request to receive communications from staff to fully understand what took place as I could not receive a proper rationale for what had happened.

It was shocking and if this happened behind your house or neighbourhood, you would be outraged too.

Here is a quote from Dave Hallam who lives at 166 John St. and whose property was damaged.

"I am still very upset about the self-identified destruction of our fence at 66 St. George and the resulting erosion of our property onto the lowered grade surrounding it. I asked for remediation of a person identified as Mr. Sims property manager, but neither Mr. Sims nor the city, apparently partners in this affair, have seen fit to repair the damage caused.

I cannot understand why we have been treated so casually and poorly."

Mr. Hallam was quoted with consent.

George Kotsifas has stated that the civic administration has agreed to consult with area residents before they endorse a new municipal parking lot. While this may be true, a verbal commitment is not binding and does not inform other residents of this obligation. If the current staff were to leave so would this commitment, and the reason we are asking that it be adopted as policy. A verbal commitment is not accountable. I hope you can appreciate the fact that no one talked to us when we raised alarm. My feeling was that the civic administration believed it was none of our business because it was a private partnership.

To date the city has failed to reimburse property owners that experienced damage to fences, or even acknowledged that they made a mistake in approving a plan that was poorly researched and oblivious to tenants and people that live there.

Council failed to do their job when they glossed over the proposed parking lot and since there was no public notice, no one had an opportunity to raise the flaws in the mapping and intrusion into the privacy of tenants and other property owners or the loss of green space.

Eventually council reversed its approval of this parking lot but not until I filed the MFIPPA request and presented to committee on January 7, 2020. That was weeks after the damage occurred and is still occurring. The only difference today is that the property owner erected fences to keep eyes out of the interior block and uses the former backyards for excessive tenant parking.

When we asked that the city pay for the damage done to nearby properties from the bulldozing, the response from the civic administration was that it wasn't their responsibility but rather a civil matter between the property owners. But the property would not have been bulldozed without an agreement with the city so it is unbecoming of the city to dodge their contribution to the damages to property.

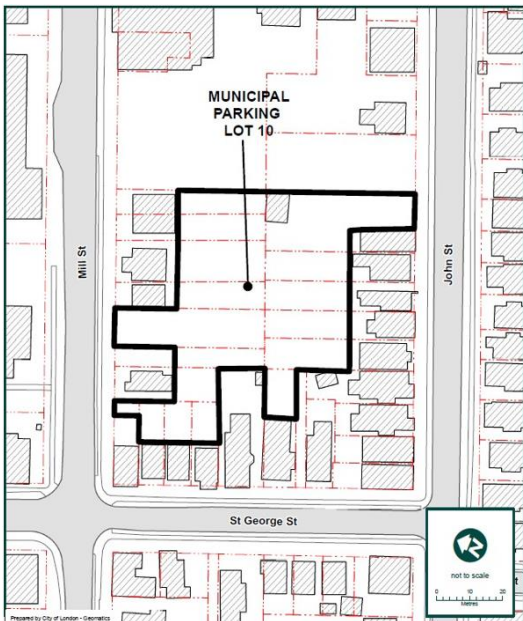
For all the reasons I state above, the city needs to be accountable to residents and ensure this does not happen again. A verbal commitment is not a real commitment because residents would be unaware of such a commitment unless it is formal policy.

In addition, we are asking that:

- Property owners be compensated by the City of London for damages incurred during construction of the parking lot;
- That grading and top soil be restored, and;
- green space requirements, separate from parking, be enforced and restored.

Thank You

AnnaMaria Valastro



From: bettyboop
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:57 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2 of 5: Public Notice Amendment

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	Public Notice Amendment
Date:	2021-03-30 14:13
From:	bettyboop
To:	"Kotsifas, George" < gkotsifa@london.ca >

Hello Mr. Kotsifas,

Can you please inform me of when you will be returning the referral back to committee regarding the Public Notice Amendment for new municipal parking lots? Someone will likely request delegation status again and notification for delegation status requires a broader time frame beyond the posting of the agenda.

I appreciate your responses as I am having difficulty getting responses these days.

Thanks

AnnaMaria

From: bettyboop
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:59 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3 of 5 Fwd: council resolution: Public Notice Policy

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	council resolution: Public Notice Policy
Date:	2021-04-14 13:39
From:	bettyboop
To:	gkotsifas@london.ca

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	Re: some good news - parking lot
Date:	2021-04-14 13:39
From:	bettyboop
To:	, gkotsifas@london.ca

Hello Mr. Kotsifas,

Can you please tell us when you intend to return this item to Council as directed? Also can you please clarify whether it applies to city-managed private parking lots AND new municipal parking lots.

Thank you

AnnaMaria

April 14, 2021

G. Kotsifas
Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on April 13, 2021 resolved:

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back, as a part of the scheduled Council Policy review, with respect to the addition of a notice provision related to the establishment of city-management of newly created private parking lots in the Public Notice Policy; it being noted that the Corporate Services Committee received a communication from AM Valastro with respect to the Notice Policy. (4.1/5/CSC) (2021-T02)

C. Saunders
City Clerk
/hw

cc: AM Valastro
O. Katolyk, Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
E. Skalski, Manager, Records and Information Services

From: bettyboop
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:03 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Delegation Status

Re: Request to Amend Public Notice Policy

Dear Members of Council,

A request was introduced at the Corporate Services Committee on March 29, 2020 to adjust the Public Notice Policy to include a public notice for new municipal parking lots.

Currently:

- New municipal parking lots are not required to adhere to site specific zoning regulations. Therefore, new municipal parking lots do not require a zone change and hence do not require a public notice and public participation meeting;
- Private parking lots require a zoning change and a public notice and a public participation meeting;
- Private/public parking lots with the City of London are not required to adhere to site specific zoning and therefore do not need a zoning change and hence a public notice and public participation meeting.

The request is that all new parking lots affiliated with the City of London require at least a public notice and ideally a public participation meeting.

The rationale for this request is attached with the delegation of Ms. Valastro at the CSC on March 29, 2020.

The amendment is necessary regardless of whether the demand for municipal parking lots and private/public parking lots is currently high or low. The amendment is being requested to ensure a public process whenever a new municipal parking is being considered.

Thank You

AnnaMaria Valastro
133 John Street,
London, Ontario

From: bettyboop
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:05 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Delegation Status

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	Re: amending Public Notice Policy
Date:	2021-06-17 21:16
From:	bettyboop
To:	"Katolyk, Orest" < OKatolyk@london.ca >

Hello Mr. Katolyk,

Can you please tell us when the item of amending the Public Notice Policy as it relates to private/public parking lots be scheduled? It is not listed on June 21.

Thanks Again

AnnaMaria

CC Ben

On 2021-05-26 14:01, Katolyk, Orest wrote:

Hi AnnaMaria: this matter is tentatively scheduled before the Corporate Services Cmt on June 21.

 Orest Katolyk, MPL, MLEO(C) Director, Municipal Compliance Planning and Economic Development City of London
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From: [bettyboop](#)
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Katolyk, Orest <OKatolyk@London.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] amending Public Notice Policy

Hello Mr. Katolyk,

Can you please let me when you might be introducing the amendment to the Public Notice Policy as it relates to municipal parking lots?

Thank You

AnnaMaria

From: bettyboop
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:06 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Delegation Status

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: amending Public Notice Policy
Date:	2021-07-21 16:06
From:	bettyboop
To:	"Katolyk, Orest" < OKatolyk@london.ca >
Cc:	

Hello Mr. Katolyk,

Can you please tell us when the item of amending the Public Notice Policy as it relates to private/public parking lots be scheduled? It is not listed on the next Corporate Services meeting of July 26.

Thanks Again

AnnaMaria
CC Ben

From: bettyboop
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:08 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Delegation Status

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	RE: [EXTERNAL] Public Notice Amendment
Date:	2021-10-27 15:17
From:	"Kotsifas, George" <gkotsifa@London.ca>
To:	"bettyboop" <bettyboop>, "Katolyk, Orest" <OKatolyk@London.ca>
Cc:	", "Westlake-Power, Barb" <bwestlak@london.ca>

I believe this has been completed, this was added to the public notice policy and it is posted to the City website.

It can be found here: <https://london.ca/council-policies/public-notice-policy> (see last item on the list).

Thanks,
George

From: bettyboop
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:18 AM
To: Katolyk, Orest <OKatolyk@London.ca>
Cc: Kotsifas, George <gkotsifa@London.ca>;
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Notice Amendment

Dear Mr. Katolyk,

Can you please let us if you will be bringing forward the Public Notice Amendment re: municipal parking lots at the next Corporate Service Committee. The incident that triggered this amendment is now two years old and almost one year has past since Council approved our request.

The wording of the amendment has already been suggested by yourself and in our opinion this is a start forward issue. We would appreciate bringing this to a close and are asking whether it will be introduced at the next CSC meeting.

Thank You
AnnaMaria Valastro

From: bettyboop
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:11 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Delegation Status

I have sent several emails which are all part of the Delegation Request. Please place these on the public agenda.

Please note that 4 of 5 was the last numbered email but I added several more emails after that.

Thank you

AnnaMaria valastro