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Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:00 PM
To: PEC <pec@london.ca>
Cc: AnnaMaria Valastro; Louise White
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: patio capacity extensions

re: AnnaMaria Valastro's letter below

To whom it may concern,

I agree with Anna. This is unbelievable!! You want to turn all these locations into beer gardens like those at the Western Fair.

These establishments are not enclosed locations like the fairgrounds. This will lead to many vehicle-human interactions.

Don't the London Police have a say in this? They're the ones who will have to be brought in to restore sanity when things get out of control. That increase of their assistance would certainly put pressure on their budget. Is the city prepared to compensate them for that? Has the city even considered that, given a reputation of being short sighted most of the time?

I'm only scratching the surface here. This could turn into a real powder keg waiting to blow. This definitely needs to be revisited to determine the full slate of ramifications. Please stop ramming through changes to satisfy greedy business owners.

How about just once consider the lives and welfare of the citizens who live in these areas?

regards,
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On 2022-08-17 20:16, North Talbot Community wrote:

Dear Neighbour,

A new zoning by-law amendment is being proposed to remove patio capacity limits across the city and extend patios into the winter months. The only limits on patio capacity will be determined by Section 3.7.4.3. of the Ontario Building Code <https://www.buildingcode.online/477.html> (Plumbing Fixtures for Assembly Occupancies) which lists the number of bathrooms required per groups of occupants. The number of bathrooms will determine the size of the patio - no joke. An establishment only needs to expand its toilet capacity to expand its patio capacity - no joke.

While some would reasonably assume that the physical attributes of the properties would determine the size of patios, owners can extend patios into private parking lots. BeerTown Public House at near Masonville Mall expanded its patio onto the private parking lot. Staff and patrons need to cross a vehicle right-of-way each time they move between the patio and the building. ***Please see attached photos.***

In real terms, The Ceeps, which currently can seat over 100 on its patio, could expand its patio across its parking lot to a capacity of easily a thousand people, as long as they had the required bathrooms for a 1000 people.

The only restrictions on patio extensions is if the patio occupies public space such as a sidewalk or street. Those permits will be decided case by case. For most people, this issue would be a sleeper but in some neighbourhoods, it is a serious issue, but it can occur anyway in the City.

Read the amendment here: <https://pub-london.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=94237>

It is poorly written and obscure. I needed clarification from staff to understand exactly what was being described.

Lastly, by-law enforcement states that patios into parking lots is a climate emergency mitigating action because it displaces cars, but it fails to access the increase of passenger vehicles. The Climate Emergency Action Plan is being used to greenwash unpopular policy, and dismissed when opportunities arise to make significant inroads on climate policy.

This zoning amendment was introduced by Ward 13 Councillor John Fyfe-Millar. If you have comments, please send to pec@london.ca

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