

# Community and Protective Services Committee

## Report

The 10th Meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee  
August 23, 2022

PRESENT: Councillors M. Cassidy (Chair), M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, S. Hillier

ABSENT: Mayor E. Holder

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors J. Fyfe-Millar and S. Lewis; J. Bunn and J. Taylor

Remote Attendance: G. Belch, J. Davison, K. Dickins, C. Dooling, M. Hefferton, O. Katolyk, E. Ling, N. Musicco, A. Pascual, C. Smith, B. Westlake-Power, S. Wise

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: Councillors J. Helmer, S. Hillier and M. Salih.

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that Councillor S. Hillier disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 5.1 of this Report, having to do with the Deferred Matters List, specifically item number 1 on the list, by indicating that his family hosts a five day event.

### 2. Consent

Moved by: M. Salih  
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That Items 2.1 to 2.4 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

#### 2.1 2nd Report of the Accessibility Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: M. Salih  
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the 2nd Report of the Accessibility Community Advisory Committee, from the meeting held on July 28, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

**Motion Passed**

#### 2.2 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: M. Salih  
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee, from the meeting held on August 4, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

**Motion Passed**

2.3 Information Report on Line of Sight for the Emergency Communications System

Moved by: M. Salih  
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Enterprise Supports, the staff report dated August 23, 2022, with respect to information on Line of Sight for the Emergency Communications System, BE RECEIVED. (2022-P16)

**Motion Passed**

2.4 Occupant Noise Enforcement - Pilot Project

Moved by: M. Salih  
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the staff report dated August 23, 2022, with respect to an Occupant Noise Enforcement Pilot Project, BE RECEIVED; it being noted that the communication, as appended to the Added Agenda, from M. Temme, with respect to this matter, was received. (2022-P01)

**Motion Passed**

**3. Scheduled Items**

3.1 Adult Live Entertainment Parlour - Relocation Request (from 2010 Dundas Street to 238 Dundas Street)

That the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated August 23, 2022, related to an application made under the Business Licensing By-law L.-131-16 (the By-law) to substitute an existing Adult Live Entertainment Parlour location at 2010 Dundas Street to a proposed new location at 238 Dundas Street:

- a) the above-noted staff report BE RECEIVED;
- b) the request to transfer the adult entertainment license from 2010 Dundas Street to 238 Dundas Street BE DENIED; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake the necessary steps to allow Municipal Council to consider the deletion of the license from 2010 Dundas Street and hold a public participation meeting at the October 4, 2022 Community and Protective Services Committee meeting with respect to this matter;

it being pointed out that the following individuals made verbal presentations at the public participation meeting held in conjunction with this matter:

- C. Pugh Roberts;
- T. Gray;
- M. Post, Attic Books;
- E. Moriarty;
- S. Chodis;
- J. Bancroft-Snell;
- E. Tony;

- O. Pizyo;
- D. Stambler – see attached;
- K. Morris, London Abused Women’s Centre; and,
- K. McCandles;

it being noted that the communication, as appended to the Added Agenda, from H. Minogue, with respect to this matter, was received. (2022-P09)

**Motion Passed**

Voting Record:

Moved by: M. Hamou  
 Seconded by: S. Hillier

Motion to approve parts a) and b) of the clause.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

Moved by: M. Hamou  
 Seconded by: S. Hillier

Motion to approve part c) of the clause.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

Moved by: S. Hillier  
 Seconded by: M. Hamou

Motion to open the public participation meeting.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

Moved by: S. Hillier  
 Seconded by: M. Hamou

Motion to close the public participation meeting.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

3.2 Adult Entertainment Body-Rub Parlour - Relocation Request (from 802 Exeter Road to 232 Dundas Street)

The following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated August 23, 2022, related to an application made under the Business Licensing By-law L.-131-16 to substitute an existing Adult Entertainment Body-rub Parlour location at 802 Exeter Road to a proposed new location at 232 Dundas Street,

- a) the above-noted staff report BE RECEIVED; and,
- b) the request to transfer the adult entertainment body-rub parlour license from 802 Exeter Road to 232 Dundas Street BE DENIED;

it being pointed out that the following individuals made verbal presentations at the public participation meeting held in conjunction with this matter:

- S. Keyes, representing the applicant;
- S. Centen, Ambiance Spa;
- S. Chodis;
- E. Moriarty;
- M. Post, Attic Books;
- J. Bancroft-Snell;
- D. Slansky, Ambiance Spa;
- J. Bolschetschenko, Ambiance Spa;
- S. Komaromi;
- M. Williams;
- O. Pizyo;
- D. Stambler – see attached;
- K. Morris, London Abused Women's Centre;
- K. McCandles; and,
- E. Tony;

it being noted that the communication, as appended to the Added Agenda, from H. Minogue, with respect to this matter, was received. (2022-P09)

**Motion Passed**

Voting Record:

Moved by: S. Hillier  
Seconded by: M. Hamou

Motion to approve part a) of the clause.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

Moved by: S. Hillier  
Seconded by: M. Hamou

Motion to approve part b) of the clause.

Yeas: (4): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Nays: (1): J. Helmer

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (4 to 1)**

Moved by: M. Hamou  
Seconded by: S. Hillier

Motion to open the public participation meeting.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

Moved by: M. Hamou  
Seconded by: S. Hillier

Motion to close the public participation meeting.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

**4. Items for Direction**

None.

**5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

**5.1 Deferred Matters List**

That the Deferred Matters List for the Community and Protective Services Committee, as at August 15, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

**Motion Passed**

Voting Record:

Moved by: S. Hillier  
Seconded by: M. Hamou

Motion to receive the Deferred Matters List for the Community and Protective Services Committee, as at August 15, 2022, with the exception of Item Number 1.

Yeas: (5): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Hamou, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

Moved by: M. Hamou  
Seconded by: M. Cassidy

Motion to receive Item Number 1 on the Deferred Matters List for the Community and Protective Services Committee, as at August 15, 2022.

Yeas: (4): M. Cassidy, M. Salih, J. Helmer, and M. Hamou

Recuse: (1): S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (4 to 0)**

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

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Official submission to **PUBLIC MEETING: Adult Live Entertainment Parlour Relocation**

**By David Stambler, owner of 234 Dundas Street**

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My name is David Stambler and I'm the owner of 234 Dundas Street. My grandfather, Meyer Epstein, owned and ran Meyer Epstein Furs for over 50 years, then sold it to his manager, and it just closed down in 2017. I took out loans for more than half a million dollars to put in two apartments in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, because I believe in London and in investing in and revitalizing the downtown core.

I firmly and categorically reject having any more adult entertainment allowed to be in the Dundas Place core, so I am firmly opposed to granting the Adult Live Entertainment Parlour Relocation.

My main complaints would be:

- Dundas Place – the city has invested at least 16 million dollars – so, millions of dollars were put into Dundas Place to make it a family friendly place where the road can be repurposed for street festivals and fairs and pedestrian use. Strip clubs and massage parlours are NOT family friendly.
- Part of Dundas Place and the goal of the city is to revitalize the core - and redevelop it with businesses that are inclusive. Strip bars and massage parlours are NOT inclusive businesses and will not bring in quality business prospects. In fact, they will keep people away.
- Property values are dependent on location, and location is qualified by nearby businesses. Adult entertainment venues are not conducive to increased property values - and if property values go down, taxes go down, and so the city stands to lose out in a variety of ways.
- The domino effect: Once you let these types of businesses in and gain a foothold in the area, then it will encourage other similar businesses to move in, and will depress the overall quality and value of the street life we are all trying to improve. I was told by the owner of the Adult Entertainment that he was planning on a Gay Cabaret – the problem is, once the license is approved, it can be changed without permission from Gay Cabaret to female strippers, say for nights that the other strip club is closed...

- Strip bars are associated with excessive drinking and are also linked to prostitution, so you will be contributing to an eventual increase in crime as well.

I'm concerned not only for the quality of the neighbourhood being decreased but also to the feeling of personal safety by all women who would walk that street – the women who have to walk by each of these places would feel uncomfortable

The type of people that go to these places is not indicative of the type of people that the city of London is trying to attract to Dundas place

So – you have to ask yourself:

1. Do you want to turn Dundas Place into an adult entertainment zone?
2. Do they want increased prostitution in the downtown core?
3. Do you want to reduce your future tax base as a result of property values dropping?
4. Do you want to protect women (and men) from misogyny and exploitation?
5. Do want to make Dundas Place a safe and economically thriving place to live and work?

All the downtown businesses depend on a safe and healthy environment there, and adult entertainment puts a lot of people off, and it will push a lot of people away from actually coming to that block. There is not a single positive thing that could result from this move.

I urge you to vote against this.

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Official submission to **PUBLIC MEETING: Adult Entertainment Body-Rub Parlour Relocation**

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My submission on the second motion – rough summary:

I will be submitting my presentation regarding the first proposal by email, to be also entered into the record for this motion.

I am firmly opposed to an Adult Body Rub business.

I'd also like to counter what so far has seemed to be a very effective campaign by Ambiance to pull together lawyer, owner, workers, neighbours, and friends in support of them. It seems



their main complaint has been that they are legitimate workers supporting their families legitimately... However... It's all about location, plain and simple.

Councillor Fife Millar said **one of the pillars in the City's strategic plan is making a safe place for women and girls.** Approving an Adult Massage Parlour will NOT do that.

Jesse Helmer – councilor – said he's **not sure what the path of causing the least harm would be.** I submit that it's clear that the path of least harm is NOT putting this into Dundas Place.

One of the workers wrote - **If this location is not approved then Ambiance will close.** It's not up to the city to guarantee a business' viability.

**Panic buttons in each room? – Well, that's not the type of business we want in that location.**

**No residents in the neighborhood? Single woman next door, two single men.**

**I repeat the same questions I posed in the first submission.**

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