

As residents living within 2 blocks of Westmount Mall, we strongly object to the exemption of Reptilia from the animal control bylaw, to allow a reptile zoo at the mall.

There are several health-care offices, government service offices, food service, retail, and other legitimate business that in my view will notice the negative effect of a reptile zoo as a neighbour.

Yes, perhaps the zoo may be a great new attraction for a short time, but (and in my view) as soon as all interested and local schools have toured the zoo, interest will drop and the zoo will begin to cut operating cost to stay alive, and the reptiles will suffer. This will surely have a negative affect on the good name of the mall.

I just cannot believe that this company has the gall to continue construction of this facility, when the City has a bylaw in place to prevent and stop this type of business.

If the zoo is permitted, I see the Westmount mall's business dropping and leaving in time, and we will have another deserted mall.

So much for the neighbourhood. So disappointed in your stance on this Paul

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