

Please add my letter to the public Council Agenda re: Exemption to the Animal Control By-law - Reptilia

Dear Members of Council,

Please do **NOT** support an exemption to the Animal Control By-law for Reptilia.

I wholeheartedly agree with the numerous experts that this by-law should **NOT** be changed. Please remember they are deemed experts for a reason. Why are we still questioning this issue when nothing has changed. **Reptilia is still NOT a sanctuary; it is a private, for-profit zoo.**

It is alarming that Westmount Mall decided to ignore the city by-laws and start building Reptilia without council approval to bring in exotic animals. It is disturbing to think that building the facility would force a change in the by-law. I trust council will not be bullied into allowing this to happen.

As well, I don't believe Reptilia will help tourism, but rather will harm the reputation of London. I think there are enough truly creative minds in this city to come up with far better ideas to bring tourists in than caging live animals.

Thank you,

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