

To: Mayor and Members of Council

As a property owner in London, I found some of the views expressed by Councilor Stevenson on November 29 quite disturbing.

She said she was elected to represent people not animals, so it seems pretty clear to me that she does not understand by-laws. The people spoke years ago when the by-law to prohibit exotic and dangerous animals was passed in London, upheld in 2018 and again last April.

The people spoke against Reptilia on the 29th at CAPS. They wrote e-mails, came to the Council chambers and zoomed in to speak against this zoo.
Reptilia had no public support because London does not want a zoo.

Which brings me to the fact that Reptilia snuck in under the guise of "entertainment" to gain access to Westmount Mall. They are a zoo, and all talk at the last meeting called Reptilia just that. A zoo. There is nothing entertaining or educational about animals deprived of all natural behaviour. That can only send children a very distorted educational message regarding the treatment of animals.

Reptilia is well aware of the fact that London has a by-law to prevent non-native and dangerous species from coming into the City, but they went right ahead with their plans to open a zoo. Is this the type of business you want to encourage? One that is so arrogant that they feel entitled to go against the wishes of the people of London and ignore our by-laws? It's pretty simple. The provincial license lists the native animals that Reptilia is allowed to have. Not any other animals or a zoo. This zoo is not licensed by anyone.

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