

Subject: New Street & Traffic Bylaw # 7125, 2004

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

RE: Proposed New Street & Traffic Bylaw No 7125, 2004

Of the many sections that will impact the average person in different ways than the old bylaw (#5707), none will have a greater impact than the new section on Outdoor Customer Service Areas. This new section is tantamount to creating a new use of our public spaces. In reality this is "rezoning" of these public spaces (altering use) and should go to a public hearing. To add insult to injury, the authorization for such commercial use of our public space is being delegated to the Municipal Engineer, and at a paltry sum of \$25 by way of permit.

I thus strenuously object to the blanket inclusion allowing "An owner or occupier of a restaurant or retail service food services premises or liquor licensed establishment may apply in writing to the Municipal Engineer for an Outdoor Customer Service Area Permit to allow the use of a portion of the Boulevard adjacent to that premises as an Outdoor Customer Service Area"

The use of our public spaces should be decided by the local community after broad consultation with district residents on this specific issue. If allowed, the commercial users should pay an annual lease for the use of such public spaces.

I am aware that the Community Charter empowers council to allow highways to take on uses of adjacent properties. Nevertheless, I urge council to remove this section from the proposed bylaw until proper public consultation on this specific "rezoning" issue has been dealt with.

Yours truly,

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