



Réunion extraordinaire du conseil

Le jeudi 30 mai 2013

19h00



Special meeting of Council

Thursday, May 30, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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GOOD EVENING:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ataur Khan and I am the owner of the Gas Bar and Convenience Store which is located at the North-East corner of McGill Street and Regent Street.

My business is very dependent on ease of access to my store and gas bar. If it is easy to gain access to and if it is also easy to leave it then it is convenient for my clients and therefore my business can be successful.

HOWEVER, if the public and my clients find it inconvenient to gain access to and to also leave from it, if the public and my clients find it too dangerous for accidents to occur than they will **NOT** use my business. Therefore my business will not be successful and IT will be in serious danger.

I WISH TO ADVISE THAT MY BUSINESS IS IN SERIOUS DANGER BECAUSE OF THIS ONE-WAY STREET!

In the past five (5) months, being from December 2012 to April 2013, my sales have decreased by a total of approximately 18 to 20 percent. I am sure that you would also find this unacceptable if you were an entrepreneur. These reductions in sales are a direct result of this new one-way being in effect and has proven that my business is no longer convenient to the public. It is no longer easy to access, no longer convenient to leave and is therefore no longer being used as before. This is unacceptable if my business in going to continue to survive.

In addition, as a result of this substantial decrease in sales the overall value of my business has decreased substantially. If I was going to sell my business today I would have to take a considerable loss. Also, any new buyer would have serious concerns in purchasing such a business because of this one-way street having such a severe impact on sales.

Also, as a result of this loss revenue, I will no longer be able to provide a 24-hour service to the community. Although the night operations were not profitable, the day activities permitted enough sales to financially support a 24-hour service. However, with these loss sales it will now be necessary to close this 24-hour service which is the only 24 operation in our community. This will impact on four (4) jobs that were created here locally.

The decision of Council has had a very negative impact on my business and on our community.

There is also a very significant safety issue which the Municipal Council failed to originally consider in making this section a one-way street. As a one-way Street, there are people who are cutting across my private property to regain access to McGill Street. The decision of the Municipal Council has created an even more dangerous situation.

All types of vehicles are using my entrance on Regent Street as a public highway to re-enter McGill Street. This is certainly much more dangerous than the only occasion whereby a truck hit the roof overhang of the building known as LE MANOIR. And this roof overhang is over and above the newly constructed sidewalk.

It is illegal for any vehicle to drive or park upon a sidewalk therefore if the law is respected the roof overhang of the building would not have been hit. The Municipal Council is trying to correct poor driving by changing traffic patterns which is not correct. If the Municipal Council is really concerned that vehicles not drive upon the sidewalk than the one-way should have been made for westbound traffic only that is leaving Regent Street and going onto McGill Street.

I wish to point out that there are several other intersections in the Town of Hawkesbury that have similar or more serious problems, however, the Municipal Council is not proposing one-way streets to try and resolve the issues. For example, the Town has set further back the stopping white-lines for vehicles at these intersections in order to allow a wider turning area for larger trucks. This could have been considered before establishing a one-way street for Regent Street.

As such, I would request that the By-Law establishing this one-way street be repealed immediately. I would also request that the Municipal Council consider other alternatives similar to the ones currently in use in the Town of Hawkesbury. However, should this action not be successful than a one-way street westward to McGill Street could be considered if it is the intention to secure the safety of the residents of this senior citizen manor, however, I have been told that they have been advised to use the other entrance/exit off of Regent Street and not at the corner of McGill and Regent Street.

I trust that you will repeal this By-Law this evening and reconsider other alternatives that will not financially affect my business. I am willing to work with the Municipal Council on this matter.