

Committee of Adjustment

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To: Kathy Ash, Chair and Members of the Committee of Adjustment

We wish to comment on the Application for Minor Variances regarding 60 Ontario St, A-26/21.

We own a property directly across Ontario St (#55) from the applicant property and have watched with interest the renovation undertaken.

We applaud and support small scale service establishments that are scaled and meant to service the adjacent neighbourhood. We believe these developments are in line with current inner city planning practices.

The intention of the owners we understand is to cater to foot and bicycle traffic and therefore do not wish to provide any on site parking. The owners have recently graded and paved the triangle shaped portion of the property at the intersection of Arthur and Ontario St. In the past during previous uses of the property as many as 6 vehicles have parked on this space on a regular basis. We understand from the Planning Dept. that due to City set-backs there can be no legal parking on this portion of the property and any parking is a By-Law or Zoning violation. Cars and trucks now regularly use this area to bypass the Stop sign at Arthur/Ontario St, crossing a pedestrian sidewalk, an inherently unsafe practice. If this area is left as is, people will invariably park there when using the services the Applicant proposes. This will create a constant By-Law/Zoning infraction irritant.

On street parking in this area is now at a premium, any additional on street parking as a result of the service uses will only cause congestion and additional irritants. Missing from this application is any mention of mediation of the fuel tanks beneath the existing paving. What will their future disposition?

We suggest that approval of this application be contingent on making any parking adjacent to the building inaccessible by turning the area into a sort of mini park with for example raised planters, gardens etc. in such a way that no vehicle parking or crossing is possible.

Sincerely

Judith and David Nasby