

Re Public space use bylaw 2024-76  
Agenda item 2.1

I wish to voice my support for this bylaw. As a small tourism operator who takes residents & visitors on walking tours through the downtown to places such as Old City Hall, Blacksmith Fountain, Allan's Mill, Wellington County Courthouse Jail Yard etc., impediments to appreciating these locations directly negatively impacts the guest experience.

While my tours at times emphasize the more notorious side of Guelph history, the tours do instill a sense of community appreciation and pride. In addition to JayWalking Guelph, I am also a volunteer guide on the Guelph Arts Council's Historic walking tours that have been volunteer driven since 1977, (Guelph's 150th anniversary).

I like to think that both these enterprises contribute to civic pride and this is particularly important as we sit on the cusp of our bicentennial. Civic pride binds citizens together and citizens that work as a group can tackle municipal challenges and overcome local obstacles that hinder a healthy and holistic quality of life.

Please protect these vital spaces of historical significance and beauty. Many local citizens who arrive at a location on a tour have commented that they "have never been here before," and are "pleased to have discovered these beautiful areas of Guelph". Let's not lose them.

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