

Guelph Council Members,

I purchased a property in Guelph in 2010 and subsequently retired to Guelph in 2017. In the intervening 7 years my spouse and I have spent a significant amount of time, effort and investment in improving the property. In the beginning, we envisioned a retirement where we would be close to a friendly downtown area where we could easily walk to the many shops, restaurants, business services, library and other needs and downtown attractions. Unfortunately, in the years that followed our relocation, the reality of that vision has changed.

I realize this is a complex problem. Guelph, for good reasons, has chosen to place many of the Social Services in the downtown area. As the need has increased for these services, we have seen increasing disruption of the ideal, peaceful, friendly downtown experience. I fear that Council will use the old library building for Social Services expansion, when the new library is completed. This, in my opinion, would further compound the problems we are experiencing in our downtown. I sincerely hope we can find other solutions.

I do support the proposed Bylaw.....2024-359.....

Please continue to search for solutions. Not changing the existing intolerable problems we see in the downtown area is really not an option. Your downtown business owners, tourists and property owners are hoping you are successful and I, personally, would like to see my original vision for my move to Guelph, realized.

Sincerely,

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