

Proposed Zoning Amendment 73 Sydenham Street
File D-14-011-2024

Date: August 27, 2024

To Amy Didrikson:

I reside at the Annandale Condos at 67 Sydenham Street. I am writing to support the amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to recognize the Secret Garden as an existing non-conforming use with a restaurant and outdoor patio.

It is my understanding that there is to be no increase in the footprint from the existing liquor license, no additional construction nor additional capacity than the operation they have had since 2020.

The owner/operators of the property have been an excellent addition to our neighborhood and take pride in the property and community- just look at the renovations they've done and the amazing gardens! They are truly a gem in the Sydenham Ward.

I have spoken to Jason about the plans and my concerns regarding potential parking and noise issues (I live on the William side of the Annandale and it's amazing how much sound carries). My discussion with him has alleviated my concerns.

While parking and noise from the Inn has never been an issue, I was concerned the proposed plans could change that but with the amendment not changing how they currently operate or their capacity limits, I have no remaining concerns. Jason has assured me that they continue to have their own parking and will refer overflow patrons to the Chown Parking Garage and Frontenac County Courthouse public parking lot. Regarding noise, they will continue with their current practice of not having music played outside and service will end at 8pm- a very reasonable time.

Another unique dining option and cultural experience in a historic Inn will only enhance our neighbourhood and create jobs and tax revenue for the city.

Having Jason, and the Secret Garden, as neighbours has been a true blessing.

I request that you approve this amendment to the zoning bylaw.



Erin Gilroy

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