

## **Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, September 4, 2015

**Committee:** Planning Committee

**Name of Sub-Committee:**

**Name of Individual:** Denis and Sheila Corr

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:**

Support of Mr. James Perdikoulis' application for a patio use for the Corktown Pub, in order to secure the financial viability of his operation.

Mr. Perdikoulis' establishment, the Corktown, has become a significant centre of Irish culture in Hamilton, hosting musical sessions every Tuesday evening, as well as classes in Irish dancing, piping, fiddle and whistle playing. This regularly draws patrons from as far away as Oakville, Toronto, Guelph, Paris, Ontario, etc. as well as occasionally from the U.S., Ireland and England. Fittingly, the pub is at the centre of the historic Irish Corktown neighbourhood. We depend on the continued operation of this facility as a perfect venue for our needs. We understand that operation of a pub/restaurant in the summer months without a patio leads to a very precarious financial situation and so we are asking you to approve his request.

Mr. Perdikoulis has consistently run the Corktown in a very responsible manner, deferring to the needs and wishes of both his patrons and neighbours, as well as improving the facility both inside and outside. He is very willing to limit patio hours and refrain from live/loud music outdoors. He is simply asking for the same approval as many other establishments in similar areas.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Denis and Sheila Corr

Hamilton Irish Persons of the Year, 2010 Members, Hamilton Irish Arts, Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Éireann

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? No**

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No**