

**From:** Jesse O'halloran  
**Sent:** August-18-15 1:40 PM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida  
**Subject:** Corktown Pub Patio

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this in support of the Corktown Pub being granted a patio. As a current employee I can say that during the summer months and warm weather days we are substantially less busy. Customers are constantly asking when we will be getting a patio and how nice it would be for Corktown to have one. Having worked in the industry for quite sometime I have worked at a number of different establishments that all had patios in residential areas. A fair number of them being in our neighbourhood. I believe the Corktown Pub is being unfairly treated and this establishment and its owners/employees should have the opportunity to open a patio. The Corktown Pub is the oldest bar in Hamilton and a destination in our city, why wouldn't we all want to contribute to the success and growth of this place?

Sincerely,

Jess O'Halloran

**From:** Colleen Wyhoda  
**Sent:** August-18-15 5:42 PM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida  
**Subject:** Corktown pub patio

Hi Ida.

I am writing to let you know how strongly I support the Corktown's application for a patio permit.

The Corktown is the oldest Irish pub in Hamilton and is now the base for our non-profit organization called Hamilton Irish Arts.

We hold an outstanding music session there every Tuesday night, 52 weeks of the year, drawing in not only local musicians, but also from all over the Golden Horseshoe and the GTA. The owner of the pub struggles to bring in customers every other night that he is open during the warmer months due to the lack of a patio. Staff leave to work at other establishments that draw the patio crowd.

In fairness, he deserves to be allowed the same permit that was granted to other establishments that are situated in residential areas.

To name a few, The Bruxe House, Beasley's Bistro, One Duke, Fishers, and Ray's Boathouse, all have patios that are adjacent to the homes

of local residents.

So we are asking the City of Hamilton; Planning to dismiss the appeal and grant the patio to the Corktown, in order to keep this business healthy, in order to keep the employees in jobs, and in order to keep many taxpayers who frequent this pub happy.

And also, because it is the only fair thing to do.

If you would like to discuss this any further with myself or other members of my organization, we would be most happy to.

Regards,

Colleen Wyhoda

Hamilton Irish Arts

**From:** Jim Clairmont  
**Sent:** August-18-15 6:59 PM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida  
**Subject:** Corktown Patio

Hello Ida.

I am writing to let you know how strongly I support the Corktown's application for a patio permit. I find it grossly unfair that this establishment has its application for patio be appealed (which received approval by the Committee of Adjustment) by from what I understand is one resident. In today's market competition determines success or failure. This establishment has been part of the history of Hamilton for who knows how many years. Being a bit off the beaten path success is very hard to achieve. I know that Corktown was recently purchased by the current owner as the previous owner was not able to compete with other establishments offering features such as patios. Establishments such as this as you know need to survive and continue to add to the municipal tax base and municipalities must act to ensure fair competition is provided. The past practice of the city has been to allow establishments bordering on residential properties to establish a patio. The city is equipped with By-Laws governing the use of patios such as seating, health regulations, road allowance issues and noise. Surly the owner of a patio is responsible to ensure By-Law regulations are respected and penalties are in place for those that fail to comply. Permitting this appeal to stand is a grave injustice to this owner, who has demonstrated a desire to maintain the culture and flavour of the neighbourhood and has a substantial investment to protect that investment, provide security to his employees and to continue to add to the City of Hamilton tax base. Please do the right thing here.

Regards

Jim Clairmont

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From:

Sent: August-18-15 9:50 PM

To: Bedioui, Ida

Subject: Corktown Patio

Hello,

My name is Terrance O'Connor, I am a father of three active children, I am an RN at St Josephs Health Care, and I am also president of Hamilton Irish Arts a non-profit Irish Cultural organization with 100 members.

I am in full support of the Corktown Irish Pub obtaining approval for a patio for the following reasons:

- 1) The possibility of increased patronage. Like many struggling neighbourhood restaurants. the Corktown competes with establishments that have a patio in the summer, it would be unfair to not allow the Corktown this opportunity.
- 2) Observing my children play in the park while I enjoy a coffee. The Corktown is across the street from a large park that has a playground and soccer field, I would enjoy watching the kids while my wife and I dine on the patio like many cafe.
- 3) A patio adds to the community ambiance of the Corktown area. While the area bursts with more busy young commuters and young professionals, it would be nice to have a relaxing open air seating area.
- 4) After a hard days work at St Joes I sometimes like to meet friends for a beer, in the summer we choose places with a patio, I would like the Corktown to be the place we frequent.
- 5) Local residence of the Corktown neighbourhood that want to dine and / or drink on a patio must walk 10 minutes to John Street. This may prompt some to drive the distance and risk driving under the influence of alcohol.
- 6) I like the Corktowns recent makeover, the owner has invested a significant amount into improvements to make the business not only more aesthetically appealing but a true Hamilton jewel, we as a city should reward them with granting a reasonable small request.
- 7) Security. The Corktown like many areas in Hamilton suffer from crime, having a patron area outside in plain view would reduce the likely hood of criminal activity on the street and surrounding area.
- 8) Historically the Corktown was the center of the community, a gathering place. I for one would like nothing more than to see it thrive again. A patio would go a long way to ensuring the place survives and serves as that gathering hub again.

Thank you for your attention.

Terrance O'Connor  
60 Dunrobin Drive

**From:** Sandra Mary  
**Sent:** August-19-15 10:29 AM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida; Branton, Jasmine  
**Subject:** The Corktown Pub Needs a Patio

Dear Ida and Jasmine,

I wanted to reach out to you in regard to the patio at the Corktown Pub. I have gotten to know the Jim Perdikoulis and his manager Brittany, this past year and I have actually had the opportunity to work with The Corktown Pub on some charity events.

I have participated in the Ride to Conquer Cancer for the past three years and every year I have hold a fundraiser in support of my ride. The first 2 years I held my fundraiser at a pub in St.Catharines. This year I asked Jim if he would open the Corktown Pub for me on a Sunday so that I could have my fundraiser at his bar. He did and it was a complete success. Jim, Brittany and the staff of the Corktown Pub helped in making it a fantastic and memorable afternoon for everyone. They helped my raise over \$3,700 for the Ride to Conquer Cancer.

Due to the success of my Ride fundraiser my boss, Mark Loeffler asked if maybe we could hold our company Charity Poker Tournament benefiting City Kidz there. Jim and his staff agreed to help us with the venue. We had yet another successful fundraiser at the Corktown Pub and this resulted in The Mark Loeffler Team raising \$20,000 for Hamilton's City Kidz organization.

The Corktown Pub is a great establishment ran and operated by good people who care about the community. Not only have they donated their time and venue to me personally but they also help local artists in the community by featuring them live on stage.

I think that the Corktown Pub should be able to join the many other successful pubs downtown in getting a patio. We have seen how well Stonewalls', Gallagher's and Jack and Lois have done with their patios. I truly believe that The Corktown Pub would only be adding to it's positive presence in the community be allowing it's patrons to enjoy a drink and meal outside on a beautiful day.

I have worked in the service industry for many years and I have met many bad bar owners. It is because of this that the good ones really stand out and I can say with 100% certainty that Jim has taken that bar over and really turned things around for it. Making the Corktown Pub the kind of place that I would happily take my Grandparents to on a Tuesday night for Irish Music night, or on their Open Kitchen Friday's for a meal and listen to the bagpipes.

I feel as though I have gone on long enough. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Kindest regards,

Sandra Tweedie

**From:** Brittany Stewart  
**Sent:** August-20-15 10:22 AM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida; Branton, Jasmine  
**Subject:** The Corktown Pub Deserves a Patio

Dear Ms. Bedioui and Ms. Branton,

I send this email today for the purpose of urging you to dismiss the appeal of the patio for the Corktown Pub. I ask this of you for a few reasons, first and foremost being that Jim is not only an exceptional bar owner, but also especially selfless when it comes to the consistency in which he gives back to the Hamilton community.

This past April, I attended a fundraiser for my friend and colleague Sandra Tweedie who raises money every year for the Ride to Conquer Cancer. When asked to hold her annual event at his pub, it seemed a no brainer to Jim, who kindly opened his doors on a Sunday to host. Jim and his staff were kind, hospitable and enthusiastic the entire day. Just weeks later, my boss Mark Loeffler of Keller Williams Complete held his charity poker event benefiting City Kidz at the Corktown. He too held it on a Sunday, a day that the pub is usually closed, and was met with the same enthusiasm and success. It is certainly not difficult to have a great time at a pub that is run so smoothly, and where the customer service is superb.

Furthermore, the aesthetic of the pub is really something difficult to find. With a particular interest in the maintenance of historical buildings in mid-to-large size downtown cores - having spent a great deal of time reviewing the culture plans of many cities from Niagara to the GTA in a paper on the subject for graduate studies this past year - I **strongly** believe that this venue should be supported in its endeavor to thrive in the new, revitalized Hamilton.

Thank you for taking the time to read through my plea, and I hope that you will take this into account, recognizing that I voice the concerns and desires of many in writing it.

The Corktown Pub Deserves a Patio.

Kindest regards,

Brittany

**Brittany Stewart**

**B.A., B.Ed., OCT, M.A. Candidate**

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**From:** Denis Corr  
**Sent:** August-20-15 3:36 PM  
**To:** ida.bedioui@hamilton.ca; Branton, Jasmine  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Corktown Pub Patio application/appeal  
**Importance:** High

Dear Ms. Bedioui and Ms. Branton,

We are writing to support the Corktown Pub's application for a patio. It is our understanding that the patio would close at 11PM and that live entertainment would take place indoors. Many establishments throughout the downtown area have been granted this permission.

As we are sure you are aware, it is extremely difficult for a pub to keep going without a patio, in the summer months. We are very concerned that the drastic decline in patronage during "patio season", will force Mr. Jim Perdikoulis, the pub owner, to close as a result of financial losses.

Although originally approved by the Committee of Adjustment, the approval of a patio is being appealed. We have heard this is with the support of the City and a local resident. We most strongly disagree with this decision to let the appeal proceed with City support.

As regular guests over a number of years, we can assure you that Mr. Perdikoulis, the owner of the Corktown, has been a very responsible member of the community, upgrading the facility both inside and outside and addressing any neighbourhood concerns brought to him.

The Corktown Pub is an established neighbourhood gathering place and is a cultural institution in Hamilton. We have witnessed over the years an explosion of interest in Irish traditional music, dancing, and singing. The Corktown generously hosts our classes in Irish dancing, whistle, fiddle and piping. The centrepiece of all this is the Tuesday evening traditional music session which has become renowned far and wide, bringing in visitors and participants from Oakville, Toronto, Guelph, Paris and Mississauga as well as local residents. We even have had occasional visitors from as far away as North Carolina, Ireland and England. The visitors are always surprised and pleased by the warmth of their reception in Hamilton and the beauty of the area. We feel we are part of Hamilton's downtown resurgence.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to approve a patio for the Corktown Pub.

Denis and Sheila Corr  
Hamilton Irish Persons of the Year 2010  
Members, Hamilton Irish Arts  
Long Time Residents of Downtown Hamilton

**From:** Colina Magee  
**Sent:** August-20-15 5:13 PM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida  
**Subject:** Corktown Patio

I would like to express my support for the Corktown. I see no reason why they cannot be allowed to have one, when many pubs in Hamilton already do. Please reconsider your decision and grant them the permit.

Colina Magee

Member, Hamilton Irish Arts



## Bedioui, Ida

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**From:** Marilyn Baxter |  
**Sent:** August-20-15 7:18 PM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida  
**Subject:** Corktown Pup

**Categories:** Planning Agenda

Should have a patio so that we can eat and socialize outdoors in the summer!  
Cheers, Marilyn Baxter

-----Original Message-----

From: Valerie Bailey  
Sent: August-20-15 7:36 PM  
To: Bedioui, Ida  
Subject: Corktown Pub Patio  
Sent from my iPad

To Whom it concerns,

I am writing to you to request that the council reconsider and Grant permission to the Corktown Pub for a patio. It is vital to the business that they are able to compete with other downtown pubs with an outdoor space. The present owner does not think he will be able to survive in business without the patio. It is such a competitive business.

The Corktown Pub is one of the oldest pubs in Hamilton and has great meaning to a lot of the Irish community in Hamilton. Lots of them can trace back to their Father's time and even Grandfathers who socialized there. Hamilton Irish Arts members use the pub on a regular basis. We have a wonderful music session there every Tuesday nights and have Ceili's and other functions there through the year. The present owner is doing an excellent job running the pub and he is very respectful of his neighbours. So I feel you could be assured that the patio would be run with respect for neighbours and patrons alike.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie & Padraig Bailey.

**From:** Nora Gaskin  
**Sent:** August-21-15 11:39 PM  
**To:** Branton, Jasmine; Bedioui, Ida  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Corktown Pub's Patio

Dear Jasmine Branton and Ida Bedioui,

I support the Corktown Pub's application to have an outdoor patio permit. The patio would be an asset to the neighbourhood, creating a friendly and social ambiance, as can be seen around similar neighbourhood establishments like One Duke and Beasley's Bistro.

Please dismiss the appeal of the Committee of Adjustments' decision to grant Corktown Pub a patio.

thank you,

**Nora Gaskin**  
29 Woodbine Crescent  
Hamilton, ON L8R 1Y2

**From:** Michael Cregan  
**Sent:** August-22-15 1:27 AM  
**To:** Bedioui, Ida; Branton, Jasmine  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** The Corktown Pub Patio application

Dear Ms. Bedioui & Ms. Branton

With reference to the Corktown's application for a patio permit which was approved by the Committee of Adjustment, but has now been appealed with City support.

This I believe is totally unjust, bearing in mind that several similar establishments in the City in very similar situations have been granted Patio Approval.

The Corktown is a very well known establishment, has a lot of history, has been in business in excess of 80 years, & in the few years that I have frequented the place, I have found the owner, the staff, & the patrons, to be so friendly & always welcoming. I believe the sole purpose of the patio would be to provide food & refreshment to those patrons who enjoy sitting outside in the summer time, & most establishments in this service need the patio to help in making the business financially successful.

So Thanking you in advance for your endeavors to secure approval of the requested Patio Permit,

I Remain Yours Truly

Michael Cregan.

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August-22-15 10:27 AM

To: Bedioui, Ida

Subject: CORKTOWN PATIO

To whom it may concern,

As a frequent visitor of Corktown Pub, I cannot understand how the city of Hamilton would not allow this establishment the opportunity to enjoy a brighter future with a patio. Our summers are short enough as it is, that visitors to any restaurant or pub would always find themselves gravitating to an establishment that offers this type of dining option and service. Not only is Corktown a landmark in our beautiful and growing city, but it is also a destination location for local residents as well as visitors from surrounding cities. To deny them this opportunity, denies them a brighter future.

I am endorsing and asking for a patio at Corktown Pub.

Regards,

Chris and Bianca Taylor

**From:** Jim Schoenhardt  
**Sent:** August-24-15 10:12 AM  
**To:** Bediouj, Ida  
**Subject:** Corktown Pub Patio

I am writing to you express **my support for the proposed outside patio for the Corktown Pub**. I was actually quite surprised that this patio decision was appealed after it was voted for and passed a number of weeks ago. As with any advancements, that will only enhance the liveability of Hamilton and its neighbourhood communities, there are always the very few nay sayers that are against progress.

I enjoy going with my son (residence 149 Young Street) to the Corktown for a bite to eat. We have been looking forward to being able to sit outside on their patio in the future. The summers here seem ever so short and being able to enjoy a beautiful summer evening on a patio is something most Canadians look forward to. It is important that we do not think of the Corktown as just a pub but a restaurant. I am a non drinker but go there for the food. The Corktown's owner has proven that he wants to be a valuable member of our community and you can see it in the improvements he has done to the Corktown Pub.

Hamilton has a number of unique and vibrant communities in the city. I am also familiar with the North End Community which has 2 patios at local pubs one being Our Corner the other Fisher's. I have live across the road from Fisher's and their outside patio. This patio does not interfere with my enjoyment of living there. There is no objectionable noise or traffic due to this patio. It actually heightens my enjoyment of the North End and my friends who also live beside Fisher's enjoy a nice meal on the patio on a summer evening when it is too hot to cook at home.

Our politicians and employees at City Hall must look to the future of Hamilton for the benefit of all its citizens. There are always the very few people who will object to any change in the "status quo" and have expressed their unfounded objections to this proposed patio. Not only myself , but my friends have voted for our councillors who can see past the objections of the few and realize the overall benefit that things like patios at neighbourhood historic pubs brings to Hamilton's unique communities.

Let's keep this city moving to the future and **vote yes** to the Corktown Patio.

James Schoenhardt

## Bedioui, Ida

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**From:** Anita MCGLASHON  
**Sent:** August-31-15 8:30 AM  
**To:** Branton, Jasmine; Bedioui, Ida  
**Subject:** Corktown Pub request for patio

**Categories:** Planning Agenda

Hello, I am writing in support of the Corktown Pub and the request to the city for permission to build a patio.

It seems odd that the city of Hamilton would actually create barriers and obstacles for this request in that it would definitely benefit the look and feel of the well known and loved Corktown area and community.

Too many times, the hard working people are shut down and requests rejected when if one really stopped to think about what the benefits would be it would become quite obvious.

I agree, it's been a while since this well known pub has been in it's 'prime' but please don't refuse or turn down this opportunity. We have personally experienced the good and the 'not so good' times this pub has gone through and believe me, now it's better than it's EVER been. The hard working team at this pub are committed to rejuvenating the pub. Making the pub family oriented is a priority. We frequent this pub often. The food is spectacular and portions/pricing are very fair. It's like being at home without the work! Staff treat you like family and 'you're always welcome there'.

Adding a patio would allow the Corktown to be on fair grounds with so many other pub. As well, the community would benefit. People would visit and see what a wonderful area of the city this is and thus, housing values would definitely improve. Think of the many condos currently there and in the midst of building. Many in the community are young commuters and having a local place to frequent will be a huge selling feature. No driving, great food etc....it is the way of the future and definitely 'top of mind' when considering a home.

I could go on and on about the benefits of helping and encouraging this establishments efforts. I can think of no reasons to not approve the request but I can also tell you this, IF there are concerns or IF there are issues to be discussed, people could ask for no better person to talk to and reason with than the owner of this pub. We have watched him make such HUGE improvements in so little time. Imagine, given the chance, what he can do. Please trust this mans judgement and know that he does indeed hold the Corktown's best interest at heart!

If at any time you need to reach me, please do not hesitate to call or write!  
Anita and Rob McGlashon