

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - 1:10 p.m.

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Public Works Committee

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video? Yes

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Antonio Gallo

Name of Organization: Gallo Ice Cream Retail

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Reason(s) for delegation request: I am an ice cream bicycle vendor that operates at Confederation park in the city and I am writing in regarding the below concerns. In short, I require additional operational greenspace at the park to make my operation viable. For context, there is only 1 small, tucked away area that ice cream vendors can operate out of, even though there are numerous sections of greenspace spread throughout the park. Having some of this space opened for me to make quick sales “pitstops” will allow me to proceed with my venture for this year. This seems like an extremely fair and common sense request, but the park management team are not willing to work with or compromise with me to help make my operation viable.

I spoke with the owner of Berangas (Alesia) and she supports my business and even said that I could operate in front of her restaurant if I wanted to. Since Berangas is welcoming of my business, there is enough space (upwards of 1 km) in between the two brick and mortar ice cream vendors that I could operate in. Additionally, the owner of Hutches advised that he was okay with my business as long as I remained a certain distance away from him (I forget if he said 50 or a 100 metres on each side). The other ice cream space is leased out on a year-by-year basis, and is located on the far side of the park, so I can easily maintain a good distance from it and not interfere with their business.

I did some research and Confederation park is owned by the city of Hamilton and managed by the conservation authority. As such, the city should be able to override the conservation authority in this matter. As such, I would like to bring forth a delegation to a city committee that can help me with my concerns.

All I need is a few extra patches of greenspace where I can sell my product at the park.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes