
Subject: Graphic Flyer Bylaw

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Dear Mayor Horwath and Hamilton City Councillors,

It has been reported to me that these signs are at the corner of King and Summers Lane, right across from Jackson Square Mall currently. I implore you to please look for a solution to the trauma these images on your streets (and in private mailboxes) are having on your constituents. October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and as such anyone experiencing a pregnancy loss is going to be even more affected by these ridiculous, fabricated, gorey images. These images are meant to traumatize and as such - to us - that is just plain bullying. This is not about abortion. This is about human decency.

I would be happy to help your Council in any way possible to help make this happen. Thank you.

Katie Dean

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On Wed, May 10, 2023 at 9:57 AM Viewer Discretion Legislation Coalition [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mayor Horwath and Hamilton City Councillors,

My name is Katie Dean, and I am the co-founder of the Viewer Discretion Legislation Coalition, based out of London, Ontario. Since October of 2020, we have been working to help bring change to how very graphic, disturbing anti-choice images can be delivered to private homes across this Country. We began working with politicians at every level of government.

We helped have a bylaw passed in London entitled the Graphic Image Deliver By-Law – PW – 14

<https://london.ca/by-laws/graphic-image-delivery-law-pw-14>

The wording of this bylaw was based off our Private Member's Bill we have at Queen's Park –

<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-80>

Most recently, the City of Calgary just passed their own Graphic Flyer Bylaw to follow London's suit –

<https://www.calgary.ca/bylaws/graphic-flyers.html>

Woodstock Ontario has also passed the bylaw and currently, Ingersoll and St Catherine's are in the midst of looking into putting in effect there.

I am reaching out to you to ask if your city would consider passing the bylaw. Your City is affected with these flyers being delivered to private home, uncovered. This causes a tremendous amount of pain and trauma to your constituents that have suffered pregnancy loss for any reason, not just abortion. In addition, children are being subjected to these images which cause nightmares and questions.

This bylaw is effective because it takes into consideration people's Charter Rights and the Freedom of Expression, at the same time, understanding that people have a right to privacy and safety in their own homes. All we are asking is for the images to be covered when delivering them. These flyers are hand delivered by Pro-Life organizations because Canada Post will not deliver them uncovered. This speaks volumes as to the types of images these are.

I would welcome a discussion with you at any time. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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