From: Karen Chafe on behalf of CityClerk
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:42 AM

To: CityClerk

Cc: Andrea Roberts; Ann-Marie Cashin; Ashley Murray; Dave Wadden; Jason Sinyard; Karen Chafe; Ken

O'Brien; Lindsay Lyghtle Brushett; Planning

**Subject:** RE: (EXT) 4 Cathedral St.

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Karen Chafe Acting City Clerk t. 576-8619 c. 687-7316

From:

Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:14 AM To: CityClerk <cityclerk@stjohns.ca> Subject: (EXT) 4 Cathedral St.

This feedback is for the Discretionary Use Application that was submitted by No. 4 Restaurant.

I feel comfortable with the deck size but I feel outdoor speakers should not be allowed. Speakers encourage people to speak louder. There are residents with children who live close by (Willicott Lane for example). Many children go to bed at 8pm or earlier. On warm evenings when one needs bedroom windows open for air flow in order to sleep well, the noise from the deck could be a hindrance for an essential night of rest.

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From:

**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 7:53 AM **To:** CityClerk <cityclerk@stjohns.ca>

Subject: (EXT) 4 Cathedral Street Application

Re: 4 Cathedral Street

With respect to the Discretionary Use Application by the No.4 Restaurant, I am concerned that the outdoor eating area will increase noise in the neighbourhood.

Given current health restrictions, I understand that restaurants will want to build outdoor eating areas. As such, I do not object to the outdoor eating area. However, I do object to the outdoor speakers and to the late hours proposed (until 10 pm), seven days a week.



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From:

**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:24 PM

**To:** CityClerk

**Subject:** (EXT) Regarding the deck and speakers proposal by No. 4 Cathedral Street

To the attention of the City Clerk, and Council Members:

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I say the whole neighbourhood will be disturbed, because trust me, it will disturb the neighbourhood. Due to the fact that this area is built on a hill, sound rises up, and comes into the windows and gardens of the houses up the hill. We have the right to enjoying our decks, our gardens and having a modicum of peace inside our houses when the windows are open on a summer's day, without having to listen to restaurant music all afternoon and into the late evening.

Yet another problem is that if a precedent is set by an approval of this proposal, as it is set out, then other restaurants on Duckworth will wish to have the same: decks and outdoor music.

Please do not allow this proposal to be approved.



From: CityClerk

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:12 AM **To:** CityClerk

Andrea Roberts; Ann-Marie Cashin; Ashley Murray; Dave Wadden; Jason Sinyard; Karen Chafe; Ken

O'Brien; Lindsay Lyghtle Brushett; Planning

**Subject:** RE: (EXT) Regarding the deck and speakers proposal by No. 4 Cathedral Street

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**Elaine Henley** 

Elaine Henley City Clerk t. 576-8202 c. 691-0451

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Sincerely,



St. John's

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From: Karen Chafe on behalf of CityClerk
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:08 PM

**To:** ; CityClerk

Cc: Andrea Roberts; Ann-Marie Cashin; Ashley Murray; Dave Wadden; Jason Sinyard; Karen Chafe; Ken

O'Brien; Lindsay Lyghtle Brushett; Planning

**Subject:** RE: (EXT) 4 Catherdral

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Karen Chafe Acting City Clerk t. 576-8619 c. 687-7316

From:

**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 11:10 AM **To:** CityClerk <cityClerk@stjohns.ca>

Subject: (EXT) 4 Catherdral

### Hello,

I would like to express my concern regrading the outdoor speakers that are proposed as part of 4 Catherdral's patio.

I support them having a patio, but this is a residential area and outdoor speakers are not appropriate. We already can hear various outdoor speakers from George and Water Street. Construction noise in the downtown starts at 7am and there is already not enough quiet.

Please approve the patio and deny the speakers.

Thanks,

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From: <u>CityClerk</u>

Sent:

CityClerk

Andrea Roberts; Ann-Marie Cashin; Ashley Murray; Dave Wadden; Jason Sinyard; Karen Chafe; Ken

O'Brien; Lindsay Lyghtle Brushett; Planning

**Subject:** RE: (EXT) Fwd: 4 cathedral st. use application

**Good Morning** 

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# Elaine Henley

Elaine Henley City Clerk t. 576-8202 c. 691-0451

From:

Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:12 PM

To: CityClerk <cityclerk@stjohns.ca>

Subject: (EXT) Fwd: 4 cathedral st. use application

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From:

Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 10:32 PM Subject: Re: 4 cathedral st. use application

To: <mburton@stjohns.ca>

Cc: <<u>cityclerk@st.johns.ca</u>>, <<u>mayor@stjohns.ca</u>>, sheilagh o'leary <<u>soleary@stjohns.ca</u>>, Debbie Hanlon

<<u>dhanlon@stjohns.ca</u>>, Hope Jamieson <<u>hjamieson@stjohns.ca</u>>, <<u>shickman@stjohns.ca</u>>, <<u>wcollins@stjohns.ca</u>>, Dave

Lane <dlane@stjohns.ca>, <dstapleton@stjohns.ca>, <ifroude@stjohns.ca>, Jamie Korab <jkorab@stjohns.ca>

Dear Maggie Burton and members of Council:

I write with regards to the discretionary use application for 4 Cathedral Street and the business located there currently before Council. I am a nearby resident and I have major concerns about this application and its implications for our downtown neighbourhood. I request that Council turn it down.

The deck and attached proposal for speakers pose numerous problems and set a precedent for outdoor, loud music and problematic related activities--drinking, smoking--pouring into our neighbourhood.

About 16 years ago, residents of this area rightly and successfully opposed the addition of a patio to the food and drink establishment built there at the time, the Casbah. We had asked the city to permit at most the establishment of a restaurant and that it have air conditioning so as not to allow noise to leak out into the nearby residential area (up Cathedral St, into Willicott Lane and onto Gower St) on hot summer days and nights. **We opposed entirely the building of a patio.** 

This was partially triggered by the fact that in its first summer, open windows led to a great deal of noise and music pouring into the nearby residential area, not to mention patrons loitering and drinking up into Willicott Lane til late at night.

In a meeting at the time with Council, it was agreed that no patio could be built and that air conditioning must be installed to limit noise. They made it a matter of public and city policy to not permit outdoor venues to establish in this part of the downtown core.

We had various arguments against the patio at the time but key points included the following: creating an outdoor venue in this location a la the decks and patios of George Street opened up the potential for other businesses in the area to do likewise - the thin edge of the wedge. We pointed out rightly that the noise from George Street patios and decks and festivals was already having major noise impacts in the area (and many other areas of downtown).

Bringing such activities and noise anywhere else into the downtown core - a core that is in such close proximity to residences throughout - would only increase that noise pollution and related activities and behaviours across the core. This will lead to residents abandoning this and other residential areas and a subsequent hollowing out of downtown neighbourhoods. Such hollowing would in turn significantly diminish the safety and quality of life in the downtown - making it a more marginal and empty place.

Further, patios and nighttime related activities including drinking and smoking have and could easily spill over into the nearby residential common spaces. There is no question that given the topography of the area and available land that this patio would have to be built up the hill towards the residences in Willcott Lane and on Gower Street. We already regularly see empty beer bottles and cigarette butts and related paraphernalia left around the lane and environs by patrons of the existing restaurant and no doubt other nighttime passers by. Adding a patio and speakers would without doubt increase the volume and incidence of such distasteful and at times dangerous behaviours and related littering.

There are a number of families with young children in the area and we hope to attract more to further enliven and enrich the neighbourhood. Such littering and related behaviours would not be a great inducement to these families and I would suggest would further diminish the area's attractiveness for all current and future residents.

I hope that current members of council can understand the history and current reality of this area and the fact that a previous council agreed with the residents' position that **a patio for this location is unsupportable and must not be allowed to proceed.** While I sympathize with the owner's Covid-related downturn and loss of business, this short term reality cannot be permitted to overturn past public and city policy and directions. **We must NOT move George-Street like environments anywhere else downtown.** 

I hope you will agree and therefore turn down the current application. Yours sincerely,



P.s. In relation to the owners' plight, other short term, temporary solutions--e.g., a patio further down onto Duckworth Street might be considered for this summer (a la Water Street pedestrian way), but these also **must not** involve speakers/sound systems no matter what and **must not** continue in future years for the above reasons.

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From:

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:26 AM

**To:** CityClerk

**Subject:** (EXT) Comment on Building Application 4 Cathedral St

To whom it may concert,

We would like to submit a comment regarding the discretionary use application at 4 Cathedral St. We are concerned about noise levels at night with the proposed speaker system. 7 days a week until 10pm seems a bit excessive. We would like to see a limitation on the use of outdoor speakers, especially in the evenings since many children live in the area.



From:

Friday, July 17, 2020 12:28 PM

То:

CityClerk

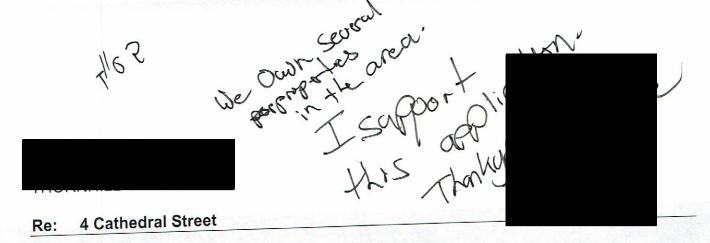
**Subject:** (EXT) 4 Cathedral Street comments

I partially support the application for the patio extension at 4 Cathedral Street under the following conditions:

1/ That it NOT include outdoor speakers.

2/ That it NOT physically encroach on the pocket park located on the northeast boundary of the subject property.

Thank you.



A Discretionary Use Application has been submitted by No.4 Restaurant to extend an existing patio for an Outdoor Eating and Lounge Area at 4 Cathedral Street.

The existing deck is 7.9m<sup>2</sup> and the proposed extension will be 23.3m<sup>2</sup> for a total patio area of 32.2m² located on the northwest side of 4 Cathedral Street. The hours for the Outdoor Area will be 12-10 p.m., seven days a week. Outdoor speakers are proposed.

Comment By 9:30 a.m. July 28, 2020

Provide your comments to the Office of the City Clerk including your name and address to: cityclerk@stjohns.ca P.O. Box 908, St. John's, NL, A1C 5M2.

Comments received become a matter of public record and are included in the Council agenda for the date a decision on the application will be made. Any identifying information (including your name) will be removed prior to your comment being released publicly. If you are writing on behalf of a group, organization, business, etc. and wish to remain anonymous, you must indicate as such with your submission.

Collection of personal information is authorized under the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 and is needed to consider your comments on this application. Questions about the collection and use of your information may be directed to the City Clerk at 709-576-8202 or cityclerk@stjohns.ca.

# **Council Decision Date**

August 17, 2020

# Additional Information

Notices are sent to property owners within 150 metres of the application site. For more information call 709-576-6192 or email planning@stjohns.ca.

ST. J@HN'S

From:

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:55 AM

**To:** CityClerk

**Subject:** (EXT) Comments regarding 4 Cathedral Street discretionary use application

Dear Office of the City Clerk,

Please accept the following comments with regards to the Discretionary Use Application submitted by No.4 Restaurant to extend an existing patio for an Outdoor Eating and Lounge Area at 4 Cathedral Street.

I'm not opposed in principle to the extended deck, but do have some small concerns which I hope can be mitigated.

If the application is approved, I suggest it be conditional on:

- 1. Retaining the three mature trees that are right beside the stairs. I can't tell whether these trees are on city-owned property or belong to 4 Cathedral Street. The trees turn a tiny park into a completely lovely gem in the middle of the city. If the deck and trees can co-exist, that would be great. The trees provide shade, a good atmosphere for the stairs, homes for wildlife. It would take more than a decade to get any replacement trees back to the size and condition of the current trees, thus affecting the neighbourhood for upwards of 10 years, regardless of what happens with the restaurant and the deck in this time. Therefore it is important to keep those particular three existing trees if at all possible.
- 2. The outdoor music be kept to a reasonable level. There's a brick building (the Masonic Temple) right across, so when installing speakers their orientation with regards to that building should be considered. Otherwise we may end up with sound waves reflecting back off of that building, interacting with the sound directly from the speakers, and creating constructive interference and very loud areas (on the patio and/or on the stairs path), despite the volume directly out of the speakers not being intentionally too loud.
- 3. Could any new lights which are installed be (a) directed toward the patio, where they will be needed, rather than toward the park or path, and (b) turned off completely when the patio is unoccupied/closed? We already deal with lots of light pollution in St. John's, but it could be made much worse. Let's not add to the light pollution problem in new developments when it is not necessary. A reduction in unnecessary nighttime lighting is good for human, plant, and animal health. Of course it is reasonable to have some lights on while the patio is being actively used. But when it's not used (after 10 PM, inclement weather, winter, etc), they could be turned off.

Best regards, and if the application is approved, best wishes to the restaurant for the project.



(located within of the proposed new deck)

From: ; <u>CityClerk</u>

Cc: Shanna Fitzgerald; Maureen Harvey; Andrea Roberts; Ann-Marie Cashin; Ashley Murray; Dave Wadden; Jason

Sinyard; Karen Chafe; Ken O"Brien; Lindsay Lyghtle Brushett; Planning

Subject: RE: (EXT) 4 Cathedral Street

Date: Friday, July 31, 2020 1:04:37 PM

Good Afternoon

We thank you for your feedback and advise that your submission will be forwarded to Council for consideration.

Elaine Henley

Elaine Henley City Clerk t. 576-8202 c. 691-0451

----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 5:03 PM To: CityClerk <cityclerk@stjohns.ca> Subject: (EXT) 4 Cathedral Street

### Hello

We have just returned from out of town so are a bit late with our comments. We want to express our opposition to the above application. Masonic Terrace residents including people like us backing on to the terrace from Gower and Victoria streets will be much affected. The area has been greatly improved with plantings and additional care by the residents and it would lose a lot of its character with the proposed eating and lounge area.

We can also add that we are in favour of the parish lane proposal.

Regards,

Gower St
Sent from my iPhone

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 5:53 PM

**To:** CityClerk

**Subject:** (EXT) 4 Cathedral Street

# Dear Sir:

With regard to the discretionary use application by No. 4 Restaurant to create an Outdoor Eating and Lounge area I am against it.

My house is \_\_\_\_\_\_. The small patio that is currently in front of the restaurant essentially deals with the fall in grade of the site and is not currently used as a restaurant. As my living room and bedroom windows overlook the proposed site I would particularly object to the proposed outdoor speakers.

In the hope that this proposal is rejected I remain

Yours truly,

Sent from my iPad

From: Karen Chafe on behalf of CityClerk
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:20 PM

**To:** ; CityClerk

Cc: Andrea Roberts; Ann-Marie Cashin; Ashley Murray; Dave Wadden; Jason Sinyard; Karen Chafe; Ken

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**Subject:** RE: (EXT) Re: Application, 4 Cathedral street

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From:

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:27 PM **To:** CityClerk <cityclerk@stjohns.ca>

Subject: (EXT) Re: Application, 4 Cathedral street

# City Clerk,

I am pleased and, in general, approve of this proposed addition to 4 Cathedral St.

I have the following comments to the application as proposed in the flyers provided to property owners within 150 meters of the application site.

- A. Construction must not impede pedestrian access to Willicott's Lane and the associated staircase.
- B. Park space must not be used as staging or construction space.
- C. Pedestrian access must not be impeded on Cathedral St. during or after construction.
- D. Smoking must be prohibited during and after construction due to both second-hand smoke and the resulting discarded cigarette butts.
- E. Speakers should be reviewed and limited in duration and volume as there are homes immediately adjacent to this restaurant and the adjacent park is generally very quiet.

Please approve the application as written, with the above conditions.

# Regards,



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**Subject:** RE: (EXT) 4 Cathedral

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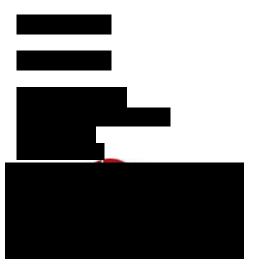
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From:

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:35 AM **To:** CityClerk <cityClerk@stjohns.ca>

Subject: (EXT) 4 Cathedral

I am in Total support of No.4 Restaurants application to extend an existing patio for said location!



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