

May 28, 2024

Melissa Osborne, Deputy CAO
Town of Amherstburg
271 Sandwich St S
Amherstburg, ON N9V 2Y8

Dear Ms. Osborne,

Re: Expanded boundary for Open Air

The residents of the Queen Charlotte building at 274 Dalhousie do not support the request made by Dave Doherty to have Flow Café & Bikes to be included in the Open Air footprint.

As discussed in our meeting on April 17th at the Gordon House, the residents accept occasional property access restrictions to accommodate events in the public interest. We are not willing to accept restrictions that occur every weekend throughout the entire summer. The barricades for Open Air should remain to the north of our Dalhousie St driveway.

With respect to the presented options:

Option 1 – Future south entrance

Based on our experience, the public is not likely to respect any posted access restrictions. Therefore, at a minimum, some form of physical access restriction would be necessary. If a design proposal is developed, the Queen Charlotte residents and owners can review and comment. At this point, it seems unlikely that this option would be economically practical.

Option 2 - Close the parking in front of 274 Dalhousie St

Unlike many other buildings in the footprint, the sidewalk is wide, and the Queen Charlotte building has an 8 meter wide patio out front. There is no benefit to eliminate this parking. There is some concern that individuals may interpret this as satisfying a request of the Queen Charlotte residents. There are already enough instances of undeserved assertions of entitlement. We would wholeheartedly endorse a plan to designate all of these parking spaces as Accessible Parking during Open Streets. If there was a sign at Gore indicating that only Accessible Parking was available to the north, then it may greatly reduce the number of vehicles that drive down to the barricades hoping they will find a spot along the curb. Quite a few of these vehicles turn around at the end of the street instead of driving down into our parking lot to turn around. This results in some pretty dangerous interactions when vehicles are backing up with restricted views and pedestrians are approaching from many directions.

Option 3 – Closing Dalhousie to the north of the Legion driveway

Not obvious this requires any consideration since it seems unlikely that there are many Town residents who would willingly accept being forced to park several blocks away from

their home for 3 days a week. Or that businesses would not have direct access to receive deliveries or make shipments.

Option 4 – Designating the parking spots to the north of the Legion driveway for traffic

The proximity of traffic and pedestrians is already a problem – especially at the end of our driveway where the landscape plantings in the Navy Yard Park entrance significantly reduce sightlines. Restricting traffic to a single lane and pushing vehicles and pedestrians closer together is problematic.

While I believe this letter reflects the position of the residents and owners at 274 Dalhousie St, this letter has not been approved by the Queen Charlotte Owners Association. As a result, it should be considered as a general response to the options presented for our comment.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,



David Beneteau
Secretary
Queen Charlotte Owners Association