

Madam Mayor and Respected Councilors

Re: Hot Dog Cart Application for License

I am writing in response to comments made at the Twp. Lake of Bays meeting held Tuesday June 09, 2009 regarding the above application.

Comments were made that I in good conscience cannot let pass without response.

Firstly, this application was made on the basis that this enterprise would enhance the Industry and Cultural Mosaic of Baysville as well as increase tourist interest in the area. In this regard I partnered with the Huntsville / Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce to locate this Hot Dog Cart at their Tourist Facility at the corner of Brunel Rd. and Hwy 117 as this location would encourage a larger number of tourists to visit the centre while stopping for a hot dog this would also allow me to verbally point out the features of the Town of Baysville. The Huntsville / Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce is extremely supportive of this as a joint improvement venture (please see enclosed letter).

Comment was made that Kokkas Corners was a tax paying enterprise and I must point out that my wife and I are also taxpayers in Twp of Lake of Bays on two properties that we own in the area. My wife and I have been coming to this area for the last 20 years and three years ago decided to make Dickie Lake, Baysville our permanent retirement home and built our new home utilizing a goodly number of local trades and services.

My wife and I utilize the goods and services of the area and are contributors to the local economy.

We are also members of the Baysville Curling Club, the Baysville Bocce Club and volunteer our time and energy to these clubs as well as volunteer our time and energy to a number of local events.

I am also a member of the Baysville Fire Department, I freely contribute my time and energy to this service without preconditions or encumbrances, I make myself available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round and receive minimal financial remuneration for my time, wear and tear, fuel and insurance costs on my vehicle. I commit to this service with the full knowledge that the next call-out may lead to an incident dangerous to my life and health.

Comment was made about sanitary facilities. To my knowledge there is no sanitary facilities at any hot dog cart, chip truck or food vendor locations anywhere in Ontario.

These enterprises are stop and go by the general public as there is no seating provided.

Although I point out, there is sanitary facilities provide for the tourist centre and Ms. Kelly Haywood,

General Manager of the Chamber of Commerce and I have agreed to monitor its usage and if required I will contribute to its upkeep.

Comment was made that this Hot Dog Cart would be too close to Kokka's Corners. I have studied other hot dog cart locations in Muskoka and find that all are located within walking distance of permanent eateries. The Home Depot in Bracebridge has a "permanent" year round hot dog cart within walking distance of Boston Pizza, A&W Hamburgers, McDonalds and Tim Hortons.

Comment was made that I would interfere with Kokkas Corners Breakfast clientele; I would dispute this as I would intend to open at 10:00 AM which is well after the breakfast period.

Comment was made that this location had once been used to host the Baysville Farmers market and that it was found that this was not the proper location to host this once weekly event due to traffic and people congestion and it was subsequently moved to the Baysville Arena site. I must apologize as I have difficulty seeing the comparison between a daily single vendor as opposed to a 15 to 20 vendor once weekly farmers market.

Comment was made that I should have asked the proprietor of Kokkas Corners if they had objection to this hot dog cart. I have a copy of By-law no. 99-60 with appendix II which outlines eleven articles that must be complied with as a condition of the license. I have or will comply with these conditions. Nowhere does it state that I must seek the approval of local industry to support this application, had there been so, I would have complied. We live in a free enterprise society and I know there is no requirement for any proponent of a free enterprise initiative to seek approval of local industries before being granted permission to establish. I further take exception to this question as it was asked in a manner that I felt bordered on open hostility which is unfair to me as I did nothing to elicit this and it is unbecoming to the Twp. Of Lake of Bays.

In summary, I made this application not intended as an attack on the industry and cultural mosaic of the Town of Baysville but more as an enhancement to these principles as well as supplementing our retirement income in these recessionary times. I have complied with By-law 99-60 and Appendix II and feel there is no justification for refusal of this license. I was simply unprepared and shocked that this simple request to operate a simple Hot Dog Cart serving the most basic and simplest of foods would receive such unwarranted negativity. I ask that council reconsider this application in light of the above.

Yours respectfully,

Wayne Arbeau

Cc: Kelly Haywood, Huntsville / Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce

Jim Sword, District of Muskoka

Wil Hodge, Carts of Canada

Les Bell, State farm Insurance

Ed Canning, Ross & McBride

May 11, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our earnest interest and support of Wayne Arbeau's business pursuit as a hot dog and sausage vendor in Baysville.

Wayne Arbeau is a member of the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce, and to date has been a pleasure to deal with regarding all aspects of his intention to host the cart adjacent to our Tourism booth. While I believe there are still some details that require confirmation, Wayne has proven to be very accommodating and interested in supporting his community.

The Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce would like to extend our support by way of this letter and would be happy to help Wayne Arbeau continue to succeed in any way.

This letter acknowledges our commitment to collaborate with our local business community to enhance the experience for both tourists and residents alike.

The Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce looks forward to building tourism development in Muskoka and we look forward to working together as an alliance to achieve our common goals.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Haywood

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