



**Subject:** Business Licensing Exemption Request (Leen's Fish and Chips)

**Report Number:** CS 21-16

Department: Corporate Services

Submitted by: Michelle Smibert, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, March 22, 2021

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receives this report for information and that no action be taken on this request at this time.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Clerk's Office has been in discussion with Leen Hakvoort for several months now as he has been looking for a location to operate his mobile Fish Wagon. The location which they are looking at is 145 Simcoe Street.

## **DISCUSSION**

Section 7.8 of the Business Licensing By-Law #3666 states the following:

"No person shall operate a refreshment vehicle stand within 150 metres (492 feet) of any other restaurant."

The following restaurants are within the 150 metres of the desired location: 166 Simcoe (KFC/Taco Bell), 168 Simcoe (Pizza Hut) and 170 Simcoe (McDonald's).

Historically, there have been many such requests made and it has been consistently conveyed by staff that exemptions or variances are not considered and in this case, the business owner would like Council to consider this request.

Council has the following options to consider:

- Not allowing the exception (then no action is required – receive the report as information);

- Allow an exception to the by-law by resolution for Leen's Fish and Chips to operate at 145 Simcoe Street on Tuesdays only;
- Request staff to obtain feedback from the restaurants affected and the BIA/Chamber (mobile food vendors and existing businesses that pay taxes) before making a decision on this request.
- Direct staff to review the 150 m regulation to see if this should remain or should be changed/amended as part of a broader review of the Business Licensing By-Law.

## **CONSULTATION**

Chief Building Official

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

N/A

## **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) LINKAGE**

1. Excellence in Local Government ☐ Demonstrate strong leadership in Town initiatives
  - ☐ Streamline communication and effectively collaborate within local government
  - ☐ Demonstrate accountability
2. Economic Sustainability
  - ☐ Support new and existing businesses and provide a variety of employment opportunities
  - ☐ Provide diverse retail services in the downtown core
  - ☐ Provide appropriate education and training opportunities in line with Tillsonburg's economy
3. Demographic Balance
  - ☐ Make Tillsonburg an attractive place to live for youth and young professionals
  - ☐ Provide opportunities for families to thrive
  - ☐ Support the aging population and an active senior citizenship
4. Culture and Community
  - ☐ Promote Tillsonburg as a unique and welcoming community
  - ☐ Provide a variety of leisure and cultural opportunities to suit all interests
  - ☐ Improve mobility and promote environmentally sustainable living

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A – Request Letter