

The Safe, Wellness and Inclusive Access Bylaw Draft

This bylaw purposes to ensure that protests/protestors that object to or disapprove of any race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, age, place of origin, marital or family status, cannot be within 150 metres of building or public space entrances this particularly includes County, City or Township public spaces such as libraries, schools and recreation facilities. (Specifically, those facilitating events for families and children under the age of 16 years of age)

The bylaw also prohibits similar protests inside those facilities. Protestors are prohibited to take over public spaces based on the above outlined (This may also include outdoor space as well). Thus 150 meters distancing.

Protesters are not allowed to impede someone from entering or exiting a County, City or Township recreation facility or library one hour before and one hour after an event.

The changes also included adding the word “intimidation” to the existing Public Behaviour Bylaw, which restricts harassment of another person in a public space.

Offenders could face fines of up to \$10,000 and/or a year in prison. Repeat offences would result in a doubling or tripling of minimum fines.

The bylaw does not ban protests, however. Provides safe public spaces that promote inclusion, diversity and equity for all.

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