

"This bylaw is going too far" said city councilor

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Norah Davidson, believes it is not council's role to pass a bylaw such as this. She said it wasn't anything unlawful.

"It's not the same thing as having too many drinks and getting behind the wheel of a car," said Davidson.

Davidson viewed that people need to have more than just "nowhere to smoke."

"It costs a fortune to try and quit smoking," said Davidson. [The people are] not getting much assistance from the governments who are reaping the benefits."

She believes a reason for council is to look for ways to implement fair regulation and that this bylaw is "going too far."

"Businesses will be affected not be their choice, but by ours," added Davidson and said this is an issue the other governments

should deal with.

Councilor Andy Wood said he is not blaming the other levels of government and is not concerned about the "level playing field" because "health is the issue."

He did, however, motion for the bylaw to be amended because he believes businesses need more time to adjust before they need to tell their patrons to butt out.

The amendment moved the date of establishment to July 1st, 2003 to give the small businesses a little more prep time and allow for things like outdoor smoking patios to help balance the revenue.

"We are not telling people they can't smoke, just not in public places," said Wood.

McConaghy said after watching the province on this issue that with all due

respect, they are "light-years behind."

He also views second-hand smoke as a "barrier to a segment of our population" and that "smokers don't have the right to make others smoke."

There were those who did not support the bylaw, however, citing it as either not in their jurisdiction or an issue of freedom of choice.

Councilor Michael O'Brien recalled part of his growing up with a father who smoked and became ill because of it. He also said he had never touched a cigarette in his life. Nonetheless, O'Brien doesn't support the bylaw.

"A councilor can tell a club not to be noisy, but not who can go in," said O'Brien. "There is a big difference in telling people not to smoke and telling people not to allow smoking in their establishment."

O'Brien hopes the establishments will go smoke-free of their own accord and cited some who already have specific rooms and/or specific smoking times.

Manager of the Cellar Pub and Grill, Leah Murchison, is not worried though. She believes people will eventually get

used to the idea.

"I'm not saying it won't hurt business," said Murchison "but I do think the non-smokers may take some of the business."

Murchison is somewhat apprehensive, however, because she believes one of the biggest problems will be the enforcement of the law itself.

"Our doormen will have to become smoking police," said Murchison. "I'd rather my bouncer is looking for physical problems in the bar as opposed to someone lighting a cigarette."

She said after meeting with other bar owners at a conference not too long ago, most said to not worry about trying the gimmicks, just comply.

Murchison said the passing of the smoking bylaw "doesn't surprise [her] at all."

Council member Marilyn Kerton is a firm believer in non-smoking yet voted against the smoking bylaw.

"As an individual I would vote to make all tobacco and smoke illegal," said Kerton.

"[However] if we support this ban, it

will go outside our jurisdiction."

Kerton said she has a history of respiratory illness in her family and knows that smoking kills, but she also noted that cigarettes are not illegal.

"[Patrons] should be allowed to choose where they want to take their business, they don't need big brother watching them."

Councilor Joel Richardson supports the bylaw and believes although it is a challenging issue, it will make Fredericton a "better place to live."

Richardson also believes those voting tonight will "have a good sleep knowing they are part of history."

The smoking bylaw was brought back after the previous bylaw was deemed discriminatory by a New Brunswick judge.

The original bylaw stated any eatery was to be 100% non-smoking but required that drinking establishments had the choice to go smoking or non.

Luna Pizza manager Emmanuel Manoliarakis fought the city in January last year and won earlier this year sending the bylaw back to the drawing board.

"We have a wicked tent" - Dupuis

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Campus security was notified of their creative sleepover ahead of time. Nevertheless, Wooten mentioned some officials thought they were groupies for Grand Theft Bus.

Of course, living on the Cellar Patio all weekend means some red tape to go through first. Each participant had to sign a waiver discounting the Cellar from taking responsibility if anything should go wrong.

Leah Murchison, manager of the Cellar Pub and Grill, was approached about a month ago regarding the Cellar patio as home base for the Kidds' operation.

"I think it worked out quite well," said Murchison. "We enjoy assisting with fundraisers."

The Cellar also had special drink sales for AIDS NB earlier this year and Murchison is fairly optimistic the Kidds will be able to use the patio again.

"I say yes, but I have to see how it went too," said Murchison. "I touched base with them Friday and Saturday and everything seemed to be going well."

Some Kidds brought food for the hungry fundraisers and other times they fended for themselves.

"We're getting a lot of support from people," said Betts-Wilmott.

Representatives from Habitat for Humanity brought hot chocolate and donuts for them as well.

The campaign has been dubbed "Joy Kidd House raises the roof with Habitat for Humanity" and will consist of many

more fund raising events.

Because Neill house does the camp out so "we tried to set it apart by doing one each season."

The Kidds were doing some brainstorming in September as Joy Kidd does not have a centered event.

"The house committee was very supportive of the initiative," said Betts-Wilmott.

The campout will be repeated again in the winter and spring. Fundraising will round-up at the end of the year with a human chess game on Buchanan Field.

Pieces of the chess board will be representative of different groups in the community, say the participants, and there is already a lot of enthusiasm surrounding the event.

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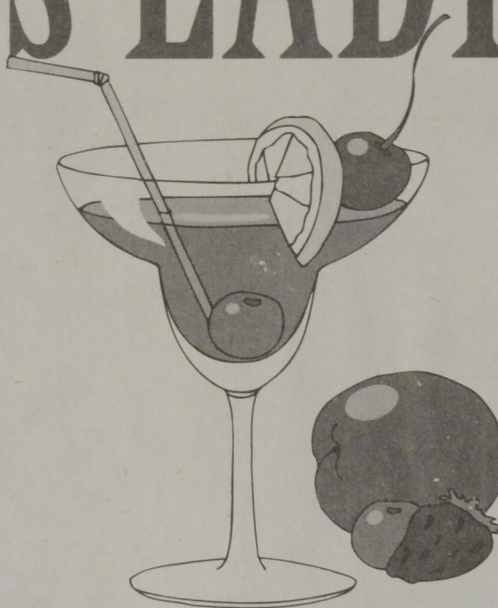
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