

Hon Mayor and City Councillors,

Your stated intention in allowing body rub establishments, is to reduce harms for our local street sex-trade workers, but it's not **our** local sex trade workers that are employed in in almost all of these venues. It is almost exclusively additional imported Asian victims.

As for reducing harms, the strongest evidence from the unanimous statements of ex-body rub workers themselves, say that body rub establishments do not reduce harm. These harms are primarily from customers irrespective of the venue or location and regardless of panic buttons or body guards who are known not respond.

Common sense reveals that that each body rub establishment that's allowed to operate in our city brings over more trafficked workers, which means more assaults at the hands of the predators they unwillingly attract.

While the intention of reducing harm to sex-trade workers was noble, It is clear that this goal will never be accomplished or realized in any body rub establishment.

So who actually benefits? **Arguably, the owners making the profits.**

While customers or predators may believe they benefit with increased safety, they too are not immune to our high levels of local STIs.

Body rub establishments in other locations are known for blackmail. Will Regina be immune?

Let's look at the harms placed upon the rest of our citizens in or near residential zones.

How will we as a city compensate the following in residential zones?

- All of the sensitive locations such as daycares in close proximity that will not be able to open or operate
- Parents who must brave our cold winters with infant and/or toddler in tow in order to escort their young, past a body-rub establishment to and from school 4 times per day.
- **home owners who now feel compelled to move out of the area and the costs they must incur**
- **children disrupted in having to change schools**
- **those who took a hard and instant hit on the value of their; homes, land, rental rates and/or vacancies in the area as a whole, and especially for those homes within a block or two of a body rub establishment**
- those who are no longer enjoying family **BBQ's or entertaining as they used to.**
- **children who can no longer travel on foot without an escort, or even walk a few blocks away to a friend's house.**

- **children who longingly look out their windows remembering when they used to be allowed to play in their fenced yards unsupervised**
- **those whose stress or mental health takes a hit as a result**
- vulnerable pre-teens or teens that used to be able to walk more freely to sports, lessons or clubs, or even just walking close to home during daylight hours.

And it will be absolutely impossible to adequately compensate the parents of a young teen who falls prey to one of these establishment's predatory customers or the teen who will fall victim to the body rub establishment itself.

CPTED strives to reduce crime and instill pride in the neighbourhoods through environmental design. The presence of body rub establishments clearly does not increase pride, or safety but rather, the opposite. Every single business transaction involves a criminal activity. Surrounding neighbours report additional harms.

While concerns over the harms of marginalized and victimized sex-trade workers is valid, we are mistaken if we trust that body rub establishments owners or operators will reduce those harms. They will in fact increase, and **if we do** find a way to truly reduce harms for sex-trade workers, **it cannot ever be provided at the expense of harming other Regina citizens in the process** (as we've heard now is the case).

Regardless of where they are placed, body rub establishments will bring concerning harms, but the **greatest of these** arising in close proximity to residential areas, and (while still concerning) the lowest risks being in **Industrial heavy zones (IH)**.

In IP zones, you will still have significant family traffic.

There are numerous security strategies and protective bylaws to be examined.

Where there **is** a sincere desire to provide greater security; city operated, strategically located HD video cameras should mitigate most security concerns in an IH zone better than any residential eyes ever could. We've all seen the impact that photo radar has had.

The body rub venues themselves could be required to provide some of the increased lighting that the city desires.

Adding a few emergency phones on poles linked to 911.

Extending an hourly bus route during certain times could be added to numerous other options ,

While I still request that you continue to look for ways to disallow body rub parlours in our city altogether,

Where ever body rubs are allowed, and as time passes, we will continue to learn of additional concerns and harms. If there is not a discretionary clause at this point, both you and future leader's hands will be tied when facing a known predatory owner/operator application. Please do not hand over yours and our future leader's discretionary power to deny significant known harms.

Please protect our community.

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