

SCHEDULE 'G'

- 1) Public Comments:
 - a. Chris Johannsen – July 5, 2023
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- 2) Public Meeting Presentation – July 24, 2024 ([Item 6a](#))

- 3) Public Meeting Minutes – subject to Council approval on September 11, 2023 (Agenda Item 4b).

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Notices](#)
Subject: Support for Rock Climbing Gym
Date: July 5, 2023 10:13:23 AM

Hello,

Just a quick note to say that I think this is super - a rock climbing gym is most welcome in Owen Sound! Fantastic!

p.s. I used to take my grade 8 students to places like this once a year and it was always a fantastic experience that helped them develop confidence in themselves.

Thank you,
Chris Johannsen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Notices](#)
Subject: Rezoning, 1580 20th Street East
Date: July 16, 2023 10:39:51 PM

To whom it may concern.

I write in support of the rezoning application relating to the proposed rock climbing gym at 1580 20th Street East.

My climbing experience spans from 1996 to present and I have had the privilege of visiting rock climbing gyms in multiple countries. The majority of these gyms are located in converted warehouses in industrial areas.

Climbing gyms act as meeting and training spaces for persons with healthy, active and outdoor lifestyles.

The gyms further act as spaces for childrens' parties and summer camps, and general community hubs.

Owen Sound is in desperate need of spaces where physical activities can be pursued indoors during the long winter months, particularly for children, youth and families. To retain a younger generation in our City, we need to promote activities and opportunities that are appealing to young families.

I also know that the climbing gym operators have struggled to find any other location in the City due to limited building heights at all other potential sites. The position of the gym in closer proximity to a residential neighbourhood provides a good opportunity for youth to independently access the site especially considering that there is an existing bus stop right on the site's corner.

I fully support the zoning change.

Thank you,

Johann Papendorf
[REDACTED] Owen Sound

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Notices](#)
Subject: In support of climbing gym proposal
Date: July 17, 2023 8:46:23 AM

To whomever this may concern,

I am very pleased to see a climbing gym proposal for the City of Owen Sound. As a longtime resident I believe this will be a positive addition for the residents of the city, and locals from neighbouring towns. We are lucky to live in an area with a multitude of outdoor activities. However, climbing is one that is challenging to access outdoors due to its specific requirements and geographic limitations.

Having a climbing gym that will benefit those of all ages. It will provide access to an otherwise inaccessible sport for many. I, as new parent see it as an exciting opportunity for my young family to explore together.

I believe the climbing gym will help strengthen Owen Sound's strong outdoor community and allow inclusion to those new to the sport. I believe we will see many 'out-of-towner's' come to the gym as the closest ones to the city currently are in Collingwood and Port Elgin, respectively. Further to that, a drive to Guelph or Toronto is required to find a proper gym. Bringing in tourist dollars to our city.

I am thrilled to give my whole hearted support to this new business venture and opportunity in the City of Owen Sound.

Thank you,
Bella Waterton
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Notices](#)
Subject: In support of the Climbing Gym rezoning
Date: July 17, 2023 11:16:30 AM

Hello,

I would encourage Owen Sound City Counsel to support in any and all ways possible Carlin Val in his endeavour to open a climbing gym in Owen Sound.

I think a climbing gym would be a huge benefit to the population of Owen Sound, especially its youth.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kristine Moran

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Notices](#)
Subject: Support for Climbing Gym
Date: July 17, 2023 4:12:37 PM

To Whom it May Concern

I strongly support the rezoning to allow for development of the climbing gym in Owen Sound. This will have a huge positive impact on physical health and wellbeing as well as financial impact on the town.

Andrew Jeffery

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Notices](#)
Subject: Climbing Gym bylaw amendment
Date: July 23, 2023 3:58:46 PM

Hi Briana (I believe this is to whom I should be addressing this email :)),

I have been a resident of the Owen Sound area for 21 years, and have 2 teenagers. We started going to climbing gyms 10 or so years ago - when we became good friends with a family of new Canadians who then moved from Owen Sound to Guelph for greater ESL support. Finding things to do with the kids when visiting Guelph was sometimes challenging as they ranged in age from 5 to 11. Climbing at Guelph Grotto quickly became a go-to activity for both winter and bad weather days in summer. We all had our own (second hand) climbing gear at one point, and would often bring additional kids because it was so much fun. About 2 months ago, my teenage son and I started climbing outdoors in the Owen Sound area, and discovered what seasoned climbers will already know, we live in a climber's paradise here! We have met folks from all over southwestern Ontario, and this is definitely a popular destination for climbing. I believe having a climbing gym would encourage climbing folks to spend time in Owen Sound - maybe for accommodation, stock up on essentials, and of course to practice their climbing skills at the gym on days that are not as well suited for climbing outdoors.

I also had the opportunity to tour university campuses with my daughter this past spring, and discovered that all of them had rock climbing gyms for the students (Guelph, McMaster, Waterloo). This just underlined for me that climbing is a great way to combine fun and fitness for folks of all ages! I happen to be 51 years old, and climbing with my son has inspired me to get in better shape and improve my skills. I would LOVE to have the option of climbing indoors to build my skills, and as an option on rainy days and throughout the winter.

I truly hope the City approves this application so we can see the climbing gym come to fruition in Owen Sound.

Sincerely,
Katie Holovaci

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Sent from my iPad



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July 24, 2023

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**R.K. Radbourne Building Ltd. re ZBA No. 50, Owen Sound
Our File No. 500TBA**

We are the lawyers for R. K. Radbourne Building Ltd which is the owner of 1887 Ninth Ave East, Owen Sound. Our client's property is located directly across from the property at 1580 20th Street East, Owen Sound ("Subject Lands").

Our client wishes to provide comments on the zoning by-law amendment application known as ZBA No. 50 which proposes to rezone the Subject Lands from 'Heavy Industrial' (M2) and 'Hazard Lands' (ZH) to 'General Industrial' (M1) and 'Hazard Lands' (ZH). For the reasons that follow, our client suggests that ZBA No. 50 as proposed should not be passed by City Council.

The Subject Lands currently operate as operate as an industrial mall and have had a variety of uses over time since construction of the existing building was completed in 1976. Many of the uses over time appear to have been in accordance with the M2 zoning in place for the Subject Lands. However, in more recent times the Subject Lands have hosted uses such as a "clinic" which is not a permitted use in the M2 zone. There may be other current uses of the Subject Lands which do not conform to the M2 zone.

The current application seeks to rezone the Subject Lands in order to permit a "Community Lifestyle Facility". We note that a "Community Lifestyle Facility" is permitted in both M1 (Light Industrial) and MU (Mixed Use Industrial) zones. Our client suggests that the more appropriate zoning category for the Subject Lands would be the MU zone which permits



the “Community Lifestyle Facility” desired by the applicant and which would legalize those uses on the Subject Lands which are currently not permitted in the M2 zone or the proposed M1 zone.

Rezoning the Subject Lands to the MU zone would also be appropriate and compatible with surrounding lands, including our client’s lands, which are transitioning into a variety of mixed uses with some modest industrial components. Simply rezoning the Subject Lands to the M1 zone is not a reflection of the ongoing and future development of an area of the City that is undergoing rapid redevelopment with a shrinking industrial focus.

We wish to be notified of any decision Council makes with respect to this application.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Al Burton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Al Burton

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Cc: Client

From: [Aly Bousfield-Bastedo](#)
To: [Public Notices](#)
Subject: ZBA No. 50
Date: July 24, 2023 3:36:56 PM

Hello, I'm writing to express my support of this proposal for the bouldering gym. I've lived in several cities with climbing gyms and have always enjoyed the benefits to physical and mental wellness they offer. Climbing gyms create community and encourage development of skills which allow folks to engage in a new way with the outdoors. I worked in kids programming at a bouldering gym and was able to see first hand how climbing can be an excellent way for kids to build confidence and awareness. A bouldering gym would be a great addition to our community!