

Hi Mayor Finch – can you please add this submission to Council regarding the request to amend the South Huron By Law involving the 2 lions.

I am a retired OPP Officer and business owner residing in Lambton County at the back of the VanDongen subdivision. I am approx.. 4 blocks away from what was the “Roaring Cat Retreat”. Up until recently I have had to listen to roaring lions all day and night. This, despite my windows being closed. **The lion has the loudest roar of all the big cats. It's so loud it can reach 114 decibels (at a distance of around one metre) and can be heard from as far away as five miles.**

There is a field beyond my backyard with the Grand Bend Motorplex (South Huron) several kms in the distance. I can clearly hear the motorplex at anytime there is something going on there. I am completely opposed to any lions or tigers being allowed to be kept near the motorplex in South Huron. It is clear that the sound will easily reach my subdivision from the proposed location in South Huron. I have personally dealt with local parents in my subdivision who are terrified of the lions and their roaring. Children would run inside when the lions started to roar.

Coun. Dianne Faubert has indicated that she was impressed how “friendly they are”. They may be all cute and cuddly as cubs, but wait until they reach 420 lbs. This Coun. has also indicated that she wouldn't mind having a lion “retreat” next door. Perhaps she should have been here when we were kept awake at night and bothered during the day by roaring lions....and we weren't even living next door to them like some of our friends and neighbours.

Thanks,

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