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Ottawa City Hall
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RE: ELECTRIC SCOOTER PILOT

Dear Mayor Watson,

We are writing to you as local business owners/operators on Elgin Street. We are the everyday eyes and ears on our local streets.

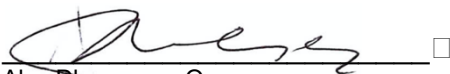
Although the launch of Ottawa's shared e-scooter pilot this summer came with some trepidation, after about a month of the pilot being underway, we have noticed that e-scooters are routinely, and for the most part, parked appropriately out of the way of pedestrians on sidewalks. We have also noticed a steady decline in the number of e-scooters being ridden on sidewalks.

Elgin Street has seen a lot of disruption the last few years with the welcome street construction improvements completed by the City and the permitted patios during COVID-19. With that said, a few bad apples in terms of e-scooter riders, should not distract from what has otherwise been a mode of transportation enjoyed by Ottawa residents, a majority of whom we can see continue to ride and park responsibly.

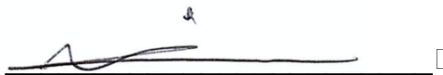
In speaking with friends and fellow business owners in Ottawa and with friends in other cities with e-scooter share programs in Canada, we know that e-scooters help bring more people to and from local businesses. This is particularly important during these challenging economic times. E-scooters appear to be fulfilling a local need in Ottawa for alternative transportation modes that are open air and allow for proper social distancing to enable residents to get out and enjoy the businesses on Elgin street.

In the end, shared e-scooters have created a vibrancy to downtown Ottawa that has been a welcome addition to city life.


Sincerely,



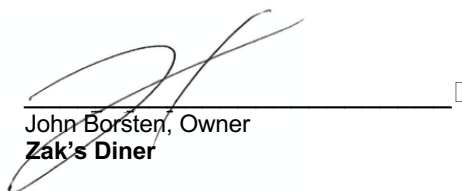
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Nader Salib, Owner
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Robin Coull-Baietti, Owner
Pot & Pantry



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Christa Blaszczyk
Boogie and Birdie



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Caitlin Done, General Mgr.
Pure Kitchen Elgin



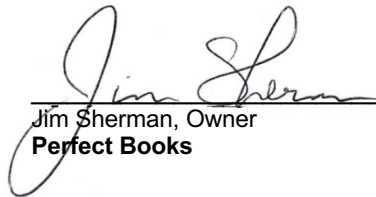
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