

**Reprinted with permission of the sender: email to all members of Niagara Falls City Council following their meeting on September 10, 2019, at which Niagara Grandview Manor and its associated properties were on the agenda**

September 10, 2019

Dear Council Members,

I attended today's meeting regarding the above matter. Since we are not allowed to ask questions or to express an opinion then, I have a few things to say.

1. It was clearly stated that each speaker, Mr Westhues and Mr Pinter, will get 5 minutes to present their case. However there were at least 2 occasions when Mr Pinter was allowed to speak (not answering questions) without any reprimand from the mayor and one of those occasions was when he disagreed with Mr Campbell. Why was Mr Westhues not given the same opportunity to address any of the councillors who had spoken that he may have disagreed with? If this is not favouritism, I dont know what is.

2. The fact that Mr Pinter CLEARLY broke the law is obvious to all except those councillors who voted in his favour. He should be asked to stop his illegal operations till his application has been approved. So from now till then he is allowed to operate air b and b without the necessary permit? He was not even reprimanded for having the audacity to opearate not one but 4 (or was it 5?) illegal businesses. So the message I get is I can start an air b and b and run it before I get a licence or permit??

3. I would appreciate a clear explanation also of how Mr Pinter first business the Grandview Manor progressed from a bed and breakfast to an inn in a residential area.

4. I would also like a clear definition by this council in terms of rules and regulations what is:

- a. A bed and breakfast
- b. An air b and b
- c. An inn
- d. A motel
- e. A hotel

Under what category would Mr Pinter's proposed business model fall under?

Let me just say that the council has once again disappointed me. It is no wonder that the once charming River Road has degraded to the condition it is now in.

It is unfortunate that once again, residents' welfare makes way to business and tourism.

It will be nice for the council to put our needs first once in awhile. The tourism business has encroached into and negatively impacted our daily lives way too much.

Thank you Mr Campbell and Mrs Lococo for being the only two sane voices.

Regards,

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