



## Amherstburg Residents Forum

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Some may see a picturesque scene of a sea of umbrellas and happy people wining and dining on taxpayer property in downtown Amherstburg ..... however what I see is a logistical nightmare in context of the Fire Service that should have our Fire Chief up at night sweating and hoping a downtown emergency NEVER EVER occurs . To this day it's been in my opinion a huge roll of the dice with our taxpayer assets and pocket book .

You think 100 grand in taxpayer funded dollars every year is expensive for business to then double their restaurant space while not paying a dime more in business tax and then the offset is they reap the rewards and us taxpayers foot that bill and that is large ??? Well

.... let's just say a huge lawsuit against our town involving a delayed fire response due to these again nightmare logistical conditions hindering AFD efforts to thwart whatever emergency would present itself downtown would be a huge end of day settlement of your towns insurance coverage. Our premiums would go thru the stratosphere and then passed on to you in your taxes .

So after hearing this and whether anyone chooses to agree with me or not this town while a beautiful downtown in its own right has in fact turned its back on businesses not wanting open air and the town has gone against using the appropriate park space and or the Fort property to hold these festivals and allow these restaurants to hold their business there in an more controlled and regulated area such as Tood Jones or NYP or the Fort and leaving our downtown streets alone and what the forefathers some 200 years ago built the towns streets for . For everyone to enjoy from all walks of life , streets grid mapped to enhance vehicular traffic at a slow rate of speed to access shops and people freely walking its sidewalks and controlled street corners .