

**Subject:** Fwd: FOI Request Boardwalk on the King Street Development

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Media FYI with respect to proposed Condo:

You may find this interesting. There is no application from Mr. Boutin. There are no blueprints. There is no business plan. There are no references. Those projects are not ready for a December start and no announcements needed to be made now except to campaign for Randy Hope.

Check out the last item below. Recall that Randy Hope opposed the Capitol Theatre because "there was no business plan." Remember the last election where EcoActiva claimed mayor Gagner was not cooperating, but they would make a \$70 million investment if Randy Hope got in? That was triggered because EcoActiva could not produce a business plan. What are the odds of a similar investment with conditions arising again just days before the election after 4 years of nothing?

I wrote Economic Development recently about their policy when pursuing leads. This was their response:

First step would be to validate the Lead. After this we would research the company so we understand what they require and how we can fit into their plans. Do we have an available building or land that suits their needs.....? Do we have the available skill sets this company requires to start up??? After these and a few more questions are answered, we will assemble an Investment package that is tailored to the clients needs. This is delivered to the client within 24-48 hours. Follow up accordingly .

Why is the policy suddenly different for Mr. Boutin and mayor Hope? EDS did not do any of those things, and did not attend the announcements, but say they are working with him. The Chatham-Kent logo was displayed at Mr. Boutin's last press conference. Municipal resources were used to make that event possible. This is politicking for Randy Hope at the taxpayer's expense.

I would appreciate the media finding out and reporting what is really going on. I researched this fully, and I'm happy to share my results. I have copies of his previous websites, other developments, and more. This can't wait until after the election because the original announcement was made conditional on a specific outcome that did its damage. How do we know this isn't going to be another Capitol Theatre?

I'd love for this to be the good news announcement we're all waiting for, but nothing about this adds up. I told Mr. Boutin that I support his concepts and admire his vision, but that I will be asking tough questions about everything on behalf of concerned taxpayers. He said he understood. I asked for a meeting but have heard nothing.

Please contact me for more information.

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**Subject:**FOI Request Boardwalk on the King Street Development

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In response to your FOI request dated October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, I contacted our Building department to inquire as to the zoning on the property on King Street West that the proposed condo development is proposed for and inquired does the zoning allow for all the proposed uses?

119, 121, 123, 125, 127 King Street West are all currently zoned 'UC(CBD)' (Urban Commercial Central Business District)

Please see attached information from the zoning by-law as to permitted uses in Urban Commercial Central Business District.

If permitted zoning is not in place has the developer applied for a zoning change to accommodate the proposed development?

Planning department advised that there has been some pre-consultation.

Our contract planner indicated they are working with the owner but no applications for rezoning, site plan have been made.

I contacted our Building department to inquire if they have plans for the proposed development that they are currently reviewing prior to issuing a building permit?

No application for a building permit has been made to date.

I contacted our Economic Development department to inquire if a business plan has been submitted, including references.

On a private development it is not the practise of any municipality or our Economic Development department to review the business plan or request references for a private development.

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