Bar owners finding legal ways to allow smoking

By RICHARD VIVIAN

The Champion

Smoking outside may not be as cold at some Milton restaurants thanks to a loophole in the smoking bylaw to allow partially-enclosed patios.

The Millside Restaurant was the first to partially enclose its patio with plastic, something the owners did shortly after summer weather came to pass.

"This was an attempt to extend our patio life through rainy days, cold days, but not the winter. Then we figured we'd enclose it for the winter and put in heating," said co-owner Stan Mishaud.

"It's an alternative for our clientele that wants to smoke, but has been bylawed against."

Now, fellow downtown businesses The Dickens and Ivy Arms are following suit and there's nothing in the bylaw to stop it from happening.

According to the smoking bylaw, an area is considered to be fully enclosed if there are full walls and ceiling and there are one or more openings fitted with self-closing doors that are kept shut.

By leaving one doorway or wall uncovered the bylaw isn't technically being broken, said Troy McHarg, Town clerk, whose department includes bylaw enforcement.

That's exactly what Ivy Arms manager Bobby

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Hannigan said her business is trying to capitalize on. A partially-enclosed awning is currently being constructed over the bar's patio.

"There's nothing else we can do. The Town has made us spend \$10,000, \$12,000 do be able to keep our clientele," she said, adding business has been significantly down since the cooler weather closed the patio.

The Dickens has taken a slightly different approach to its patio than the others. Instead of enclosing the entire patio, an area was built beside the restaurant where smokers can stand for a quick butt.

The heated enclosure went up a couple weeks ago as a courtesy to smoking patrons who have stood by the business, said owner Roger Mason.

"I wouldn't say its really helping (attract business). It's a show on my behalf that I appreciate the people who have stayed here and don't really want to go anywhere else," he said, adding the enclosure wouldn't have been necessary if the smoking bylaw was being enforced at all bars and restaurants.

"There are still many places in Milton where they (smokers) can still walk inside and puff

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I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.

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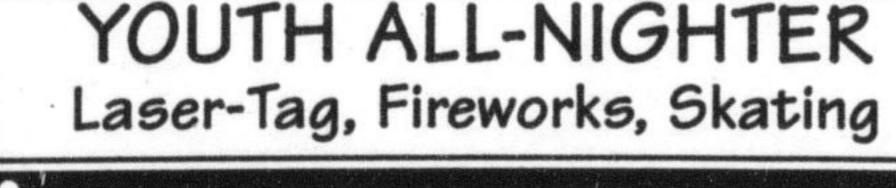
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