

Declaration of W.A.R.

(Westboro Association of Restaurateurs)



Be it known that—



The restaurants of W.A.R. will continue to strive for *Equality* for all kitchen staff, and indeed, for all people. At W.A.R.'s cafés and bistros, charismatic Head Chefs and lowly dishwashers, domineering maitre d's and humble busboys, all sit down to eat together, along with the customers. (n.b. *The Savoy*, *gezellig* and *Fratelli* segregate staff and customers, a practice that W.A.R. condemns—see Article 29-813-B, subsection 52(2) of W.A.R.'s *Charter of Rights*).



W.A.R. will fight tirelessly for *Freedom of Assembly*—meaning, we can serve customers and kitchen staff at a dining room table or, if we wish, make them eat on their laps in the next room—and *Freedom from Religion* (although we reserve the right to use expressions like “God-given” and “OMG!”).



We will fight for *Digital Rights* and *Copyright Laws*, except when it comes to our God-given right to steal recipes from books, magazines and friends.



We will fight for the *Right to Serve Yourself* and the *Right to Second Helpings* (*Atelier*, the *Wellington Gastropub* and *Churchill's* do not honour either of these basic, inalienable rights).




We will fight against *Enfranchisement* (the Tim Hortons business model) and for *Independent Ownership*. We will fight for *Liberty* (to set our own menus, regardless of whether we've served something a hundred times already to the same customers) and also for the *Freedom to Pursue the Supplier of Our Choosing* (be it *Loblaws*, *Produce Depot* or *Farm Boy*).



And finally... we will fight to *Survive*. These are difficult times. For most nights of the week, our restaurants don't manage to get more than two customers (who also have to cook the meal, serve it and clean up afterwards). And we only get them because we don't charge for the food we serve. In the last few months, both *Diva's* and *Edgehills-By-The-Lake* have had to close their doors, and while the other W.A.R. cafés and bistros are managing to hang on, they're not very busy.

Which is why we are issuing this Declaration of W.A.R.

signed:  (W.A.R.)

dated: *Sep. 19, 2017*