

October 14, 2005

To: Planning and Transportation Committee

From: Richard Butts, Acting Executive Director

Subject: Proposed Amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, Regarding Hours of Operation for Body Rub Parlours

Purpose:

To report on possible amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, regarding hours of operation for Body Rub Parlours.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications arising from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council amend Chapter 545, Licensing, of the Toronto Municipal Code to provide for the hours of operation for Body Rub Parlours to be 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays; and
- (2) The City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to any of the recommendations adopted by Council.

Notice of the proposed amendments to Chapter 545, Licensing, shall be given before the Committee meeting, as required by S. 150(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001. Public notice will also be given in a manner prescribed in the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public.

Comments:

At its meeting of July 19, 20, 21, and 26, 2005, City Council debated the report, dated June 20, 2005, from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, entitled Licensing Strategy to Deal with Illegal Body Rub Activity in Licensed Premises, responding to numerous and related requests of City Council concerning the presence of illegal enterprises within the licensed business community--primarily in the areas of Holistic, Traditional Medicine and Body Rub Establishment and Practitioners/Attendants.

Body Rub parlours have a detrimental impact on enjoyment of properties in their vicinity and are a nuisance to the neighbourhood.

Council, at that meeting, adopted a motion directing the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards to submit amendments to the Municipal Licensing By-law which would amend the hours of operation for Body Rub Parlours to be 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays.

Notice has been given as required by the Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, for a public meeting to consider the requested amendment.

This report was prepared in consultation with Legal Services.

Conclusions:

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