

May 4, 2007

To: Executive Committee

From: Licensing and Standards Committee

Subject: Licensed Entertainment Facilities

Recommendation:

That the Executive Committee determine if Licensed Entertainment Facilities falls within the mandate of both the Licensing and Standards and Planning and Growth Committees, to permit a joint meeting, as required by Municipal Code Chapter 27, Section 134.

Action taken by the Committee:

The Licensing and Standards Committee requested that:

1. The Chief Planner and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing & Standards, in consultation with the Toronto Drug Strategy Secretariat and the Toronto Police Service, develop and report to a joint meeting of the Licensing and Standards and Planning and Growth Committees, to be scheduled in October, on planning mechanisms that can be used to allow for long-term moratoriums on the establishment of licensed entertainment facilities in areas of Toronto with high concentrations of these types of businesses, specifically, the Entertainment District and that the report include a report from the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, on the contributions made to the City economically and from a tourism perspective; and
2. The Chief Planner and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing & Standards, in consultation with the Toronto Drug Strategy Secretariat and the Toronto Police Service, establish and report to a joint meeting of the Licensing and Standards and Planning and Growth Committees to be scheduled at the end of 2007 on guidelines for appropriate density thresholds of licensed establishments within any given area of the city and that deputations from the business owners and residents be invited.

Background:

The Licensing and Standards Committee considered a letter (March 30, 2007) from Councillor Adam Vaughan requesting that the Licensing and Standards Committee request two reports from city staff with respect to licensed entertainment facilities, including planning mechanisms that can be used to allow for long-term moratoriums and appropriate density thresholds for number of facilities in any one area.

Councillor Adam Vaughan appeared before the Committee.

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