

1166 Queen Street West – Opposition to Application for a Liquor License

Moved by: Councillor Giambrone _____

Seconded by: Councillor _____

SUMMARY:

This motion asks Toronto and East York Community Council to recommend that City Council provide direction to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) with respect to an application for a new liquor sales licence to serve and sell alcohol at 1166 Queen Street West.

This motion requests that City Council determine that the liquor licence application for 1166 Queen Street West, AGCO I.D. #806562, is not in the public interest and that notification of such be provided to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

This location is currently under investigation by Toronto Building’s staff for extensive renovations this summer that were undertaken without a Building Permit. Councillor Giambrone has also received complaints from residents about the construction at the establishment.

Residents have also communicated to Councillor Giambrone that they are concerned about the over-concentration of licensed establishments along this stretch of Queen Street West, with a recent marked increase in the negative social behaviours associated with increased consumption of alcohol, such as late night noise, increased littering and vandalism. Adding additional licensed capacity in the area will worsen the situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Toronto and East York Community Council recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the City Clerk to advise the AGCO that the City of Toronto has determined the liquor license application for 1166 Queen Street West to not be in the public interest and objects to the AGCO granting this application.

2. That the AGCO be requested to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings involving 1166 Street West to oppose the liquor licence application, and that necessary staff be authorized to participate in any proceedings before the AGCO which relate to 1166 Queen Street West.

Date: 18 November 2008

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	*
Should be referred to Committee/Community Council Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting	
Motion Recommendations are Urgent – (e.g. Health and Safety)	

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.

Members should discuss their Motions with appropriate City staff to ensure the correct information is included.

Motions Without Notice:

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City Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, agrees that the Motion Recommendations are Urgent – (e.g. Health and Safety)	

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