

MOTION

Liquor Licence- 1279 Queen Street West- Wrong Bar

Moved by: **Councillor Perks**

SUMMARY:

Wrong Bar Inc. has submitted an application for a liquor licence capacity increase to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for the premises at 1279 Queen Street West to operate under the name of Wrong Bar (“Premises”). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 330 from 208 for the main floor.

The Premises is located in an MCR zone and is licensed as a restaurant. The request for capacity increase from 208 to 330 is excessive and does not match the occupancy load of other establishments in the area. Area residents are concerned that any licensed establishment which has a history of problems for past licensees can only lead to an increase in problems in the future. Their concerns relate in particular to noise, litter, safety and security, and other disturbances to residents in the area.

This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. Given the large capacity being sought for the Premises, under no circumstance should it be granted a liquor sales licence without conditions attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) that the liquor licence application for Wrong Bar, 1279 Queen Street (“Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.
2. That City Council request the AGCO to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.
3. That the City Solicitor be authorized to attend all proceedings before the AGCO in this matter and be directed to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting and litter.

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