
City Council

MM45.5	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Liquor Licence Application – 757 Jane Street – Casa Garcia Mexican Foods - by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Di Giorgio

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Etobicoke York Community Council. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

** This Motion relates to an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Hearing and has been deemed urgent.*

Recommendations

Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Di Giorgio, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission ("AGCO") that the issuance of a liquor licence for the premises at 757 Jane Street 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 Refuse the liquor licence application.
2. City Council request the AGCO to provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the AGCO in this matter and be directed to take all necessary actions to 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, signage, lighting and litter.

Summary

An application for a new liquor licence has been made for the restaurant at 757 Jane Street which operates under the name "Casa Garcia Mexican Foods" under Application Number 210376 to permit an indoor capacity of 31.

A community meeting was held with area residents, representatives from Toronto Police Services (12 Division) and the applicant, to discuss his wish to obtain a liquor licence for this premises.

Consensus among the police and the residents in attendance was that 757 Jane Street is not an appropriate location to have a liquor licensed establishment. The Jane and Woolner area has improved considerably since the time it was plagued with drugs, crime, and prostitution; if the AGCO issues a liquor licence to this premises, we will see this improvement reversed.

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