
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM45.19	ACTION			Ward: 30
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Liquor Licence - 511 Danforth – The Local Company - by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Rae

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Rae, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the “AGCO”) that the liquor licence for 511 Danforth Avenue - The Local Company (the “Establishment”) 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.
2. City Council request the AGCO to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Establishment.
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 so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting any of the conditions to be attached to the liquor licence for the Establishment, in consultation with the Ward Councillor which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, and lighting.

Summary

This motion pertains to an existing licensed establishment at 511 Danforth Avenue - The Local Company (the “Establishment”).

The Establishment is located on Danforth Avenue, in very close proximity to a residential area. A large number of complaints regarding the Establishment have been made to the local Ward Councillor as well as to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the “AGCO”) and local police. Area residents have complained about noise and other disturbances emanating from the Establishment and the line-up outside the Establishment. Residents also allege that the Establishment has been operating as a nightclub without permission.

The City's Municipal Licensing and Standards Division has laid a number of charges against the Establishment which are currently before the Courts. These charges are related to noise complaints and operating an Entertainment Establishment when no such establishment is permitted.

The liquor licence in its present form, without conditions, is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents in the area. Accordingly, conditions addressing the concerns of the community with regard to noise, safety and crowd control should be attached to the liquor licence for the Establishment.

This is an urgent matter as the AGCO is currently dealing with complaints related to the Establishment and is seeking Council's position on this matter.

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