

Consideration of Lessons Learned in the Queen Street Restaurant Study as Part of the City-Wide Harmonized Zoning By-law Discussions

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To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All

City Council Decision

City Council on January 26 and 27, 2010, referred Motion MM45.7 to the Planning and Growth Management Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Giambrone, seconded by Councillor Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, through the Zoning By-law Project, in consultation with Municipal Licensing and Standards and Toronto Building, to report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee on potential amendments to the City-wide Zoning By-law regarding restaurants and related uses based on the analysis done for the “Final Report - Queen Street West – Restaurant Study”, including:
 - consideration of the introduction of a City-wide definition of a Bar as well as consideration of which zones within the City that Bars should be permitted uses; and
 - consideration of changes that would limit the concentration of Bars in zones where they are permitted uses, such as a cap, or a separation distance requirement.

Summary

The purpose of this motion is to ask the Chief Planner and other appropriate staff to consider the steps taken and the lessons learned as part of the “Final Report – Queen Street West – Restaurant Study”, which was presented to Toronto and East York Community Council at its January 12, 2010 meeting. This report seeks to mitigate some of the worst negative impacts of the high concentration of restaurants and bars in the West Queen West area.

The final report had originally contained a recommendation to ask the Chief Planner to take a look at the lesson learned on Queen Street in a City-wide context, as part of the harmonized zoning by-law discussions. This recommendation was ruled out of order because it is a City-wide issue. This Motion seeks to bring this recommendation back to Council so that these lessons learned locally can be taken into consideration as part of the City-wide harmonized zoning by-law discussions.

(Submitted to City Council on January 26 and 27, 2010 as MM45.7)