



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Objection to the continuation of an existing curblane vending operation located at James Street, east side, 15 meters north of Queen Street West

Date:	November 10, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
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Wards:	Ward 27 –Toronto Centre - Rosedale

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

To report on a request received from the property owners at 20 Queen Street West to relocate the existing curb lane vendor located on the east side of James Street, 15 meters north of Queen Street West.

The building has under gone extensive renovations of the façade and lobby area and the property owners have indicated that the presence of the curb lane vendor does not compliment the building features or view from the lobby area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends:

1. That the Toronto and East York Community Council provide Municipal Licensing and Standards direction with regards to the relocation of the existing vendor, cancellation of the existing vending permit with no relocation or allowance of the existing vendor to remain in the current location.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The permit for curblane vending was issued to Nikolaos Smirnis and has been in effect since May 1, 1998.

A review of the permit indicates that the vendor has operated at this location in compliance with the provisions of the former City of Toronto, Municipal Code Chapter 315 since the permit was issued.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A communication has been received from Cadilliac Fairview Corporation Limited indicating that the premises at 20 Queen Street West have undergone extensive façade and lobby renovations.

The existing curblane vending operation is located immediately outside the street level lobby windows facing onto Queen Street West and James Street.

The communication from Cadilliac Fairview Corporation Limited suggests relocation of the vending operation to the west side of James Street. This would require the removal of the existing Taxi Stand on the west side of James Street.

As this existing vending operation is within the vending moratorium area, which encompasses Wards, 20, 27 and 28, the establishment of new vending locations cannot be considered by staff.

Furthermore, the elimination of the taxi stand poses problems as the existing taxi stand services taxi vehicles which are highly utilized given the high demand for service due to its proximity to the Eaton's Centre and the courts located within Old City Hall.

Transportation Services would need to comment further on facilities within the immediate area that could accommodate the relocation of the taxi stand in order to ensure that these spaces are eliminated.

COMMENTS

Toronto and East York Community Council has the delegated authority to deal with vending matters and as such to direct Municipal Licensing and Standards on how to proceed with the request for the removal or relocation of the existing curblane vending operation.

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APPENDIX

1. Letter from Cadillac Fairview Corporation