



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Report on the impact of existing sidewalk boulevard vending location due to the Union Station revitalization project.

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
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Wards:	Ward 28 – Toronto Centre

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 the impact of the Union Station Revitalization Project construction activities on the existing sidewalk boulevard vending permit located on Front Street West between Bay Street to York Street (Front St W South Side 75.72 M East of York).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Cancel the existing sidewalk boulevard vending permit located on Front Street West between Bay Street and York Street (Front St W South Side 75.72 M East of York Street).

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Municipal Licensing and Standards staff were advised on October 3, 2013 by Facilities Operations for Union Station that the sidewalk/boulevard vending operation located on Front Street West between Bay Street and York Street is impacting the pedestrian access way and becoming a public safety issue due to the construction related activities associated with the Union Station Revitalization project.

On December 9, 2011, a review of the location by ML&S and TTC staff was allowed to continue vending on a weekly basis from 7 p.m. on Fridays to midnight on Sundays. Facilities Operations Staff have been advised that the vendor has set up outside of the designated days and times as allowed and is causing a disruption of the pedestrian access and blocking the vehicle turnaround/ drop off area, adjacent to the No Stopping sign.

The authority for the order to vacate and the cancellation may be found in the applicable permit agreements and Subsections 315-13A (11) and (13) of Chapter 315, Street Vending, of the Municipal Code of the former City of Toronto.

COMMENTS

The provisions of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 315, section 315-13A (11) and (13) read as follows:

(11) The permit holder shall vacate the designated area when required to do so by a police officer or any person designated by the Commissioner, for any reason, including parades, special events or pedestrian, vehicular or public safety.

(13) The permit holder agrees that, despite § 315-14C, Council may at any time without reason or compensation, cancel the permit, after giving written notice to the permit holder and providing the permit holder an opportunity to speak to the matter before the City Services Committee.

In this case, staff issued a direction to vacate the affected location as required in order to accommodate the required construction and ensure pedestrian safety pending the consideration of this report by Community Council.

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