



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED  
with Confidential Attachment**

**Prohibiting the Possession, Sale and Consumption of Shark Fin Products in Toronto**

<b>Date:</b>	October 12, 2011
<b>To:</b>	Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Solicitor
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Reason for Confidential Information:</b>	This report contains advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

**SUMMARY**

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This report responds to the request by the Licensing and Standards Committee requesting the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report back on a by-law that would prohibit the possession, sale and consumption of all shark fin products in Toronto.

This report should be read together with the related reports from the Acting Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Solicitor recommends that:

1. The confidential information in Attachment 1 be received for information.
2. The confidential information in Attachment 1 remain confidential as it is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The financial impact is set out in the Confidential Information Attachment 1 to this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 City Council referred Motion MM9.3 to the Licensing and Standards Committee.

At its meeting September 9, 2011, the Licensing and Standards Committee referred item LS7.2 to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, with the request to report back as soon as possible to the Licensing and Standards Committee and Council on a by-law that would prohibit the possession, sale and consumption of all shark fin products in Toronto.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.LS7.2>

## **COMMENTS**

The draft by-law attached to the Supplemental Report (October 6, 2011) from the Acting Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards prohibits the possession, sale and consumption of shark fin and shark fin food products. The by-law recognizes that at the time the by-law is passed shark fin and shark fin food products may lawfully exist in the City of Toronto. Therefore, the by-law includes a provision that would permit individuals to possess, sell and consume shark fin and shark fin food products that were lawfully present in the City on the day the by-law comes into force until September 1, 2012. In addition, the by-law includes escalating fine provisions for first, second, third and subsequent offences.

Additional information is contained in Confidential Information Attachment 1 to this report as it is subject to solicitor client privilege.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Confidential Attachment 1: Prohibiting the Possession, Sale and Consumption of Shark Fin Products