
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM3.10	ACTION			Ward: 11
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AGCO Liquor Licence Application – 1812 Weston Road - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Ana Bailão

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

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) that the issuance of a liquor licence for Femis Place at 1812 Weston Road (the "Premises") is not in the public interest and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.
2. City Council request that the AGCO provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.
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, in the event that the AGCO issues the requested liquor licence, ensure that conditions are placed on it.

Summary

Femis Place has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) for the premises at 1812 Weston Road.

Residents of Weston Village, within which this establishment is located, are already troubled by the number of licenced establishments in the area which frequently violate the conditions of their liquor licences but still remain in operation. The noise and disruptive behavior caused by the clientele that frequent these establishments has been an ongoing cause for concern; if this establishment obtained a liquor licence the existing problems would only become worse.

In August 2010, my office began receiving complaints regarding the noise coming from Femis Place, as well as allegations that alcohol was being served on the premises without a liquor licence. As a result of these complaints, I requested that the City's Licensing Enforcement Unit investigate the premises; staff attended on two occasions (August 13, 2010 and September 4, 2010), and both times observed alcohol being served to patrons. In addition, on the September

4th visit, staff observed a sign displayed outside stating "Bar now open". When this information was reported to the AGCO, it was reported back to my office that inspectors visited Femis Place on occasions where they had special occasion permits to serve alcohol and violations of the Liquor Licence Act were observed. Granting a liquor licence to this establishment would only exacerbate the problems that already seem to exist.

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