



## REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

### Request for a Staff Report to increase and ensure effective prosecution of charges against body rub, holistic and adult entertainment establishments

<b>Date:</b>	May 14, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Licensing and Standards Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Council
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards

### City Council Decision

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City Council on May 8 and 9, 2012, referred Motion MM23.29 to the Licensing and Standards Committee.

### Recommendations

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Councillor Peter Milczyn, seconded by Councillor Cesar Palacio, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Deputy City Manager and the City Solicitor report to the June 28, 2012 meeting of the Licensing and Standards Committee, on the benefits of retaining outside special prosecutors to handle the prosecution of charges against adult entertainment, body rub, holistics, and other problem establishments in Toronto.

### Summary

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The City's Municipal Licensing and Standards Division has the responsibility to inspect establishments throughout the City for compliance with our Licensing and Property Standards By-laws. When charges are laid the Prosecutions Division of Legal Services prosecute them. This Division is responsible for a wide variety of charges laid by City staff and the Police under City by-laws and provincial statutes enforced by the City.

There is increasing frustration that the prosecution of offences by these types of establishments is lax and is not given greater priority over less serious offences. The effective prosecution of establishments that may be fronts for prostitution, human

trafficking, drugs, after hours drinking, and other serious crimes is important due to the effect on the neighbourhood quality of life that they impact.

Other Ontario municipalities had similar difficulty prosecuting problem establishments and turned to outside special prosecutors to achieve higher rates of conviction.

(Submitted to City Council on May 8 and 9, 2012 as MM23.29)