

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM24.5	ACTION			Ward:All
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City Council Endorse M.P.P. Laura Albanese's Private Member's Bill 93 entitled "Liquor Licence Amendment Act (Serving Liquor in Certain Places), 2012" - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse M.P.P. Laura Albanese's Private Member's Bill, entitled "Liquor Licence Amendment Act (Serving Liquor in Certain Places), 2012".
2. City Council direct the City Clerk to convey City Council's endorsement of the above Bill to the Province of Ontario.

Summary

On May 16, 2012, M.P.P. Laura Albanese introduced a Private Member's Bill proposing a new offence whereby an individual caught illegally selling or serving alcohol would be subject to new, more stringent bail conditions. If this person were then caught again procuring or being in possession of alcohol for the intent to traffic, or being on premises where alcohol is illegally served or sold, the offender would be liable for additional penalties. The penalties for a conviction of this new offence would be a fine up to \$100,000 or imprisonment, or both.

Far too often communities must put up with the nuisance of problem establishments that operate irresponsibly and without the best interests of the community in mind. In addition to boozecans selling alcohol illegally, licenced establishments serving liquor outside the confines of the law is a problem which seems to reoccur despite the penalties currently imposed under the Liquor Licence Act which may include fines or suspended liquor licences. The tougher penalties proposed in M.P.P. Albanese's Private Member's Bill will serve as a tool to deter this illegal activity and will assist the police in their efforts to reduce crime related to the illegal sale or service of alcohol.

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012 as MM24.5)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM24.5