Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM25.16  ACTION  Ward:19

Liquor License Application - 536 Manning Avenue - Smoke BBQ House - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion relates to an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Hearing and has been deemed urgent.

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) that the liquor licence application for Smoke BBQ House, 536 Manning Avenue (the “Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.

2. City Council request the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to provide the City 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 Licence Appeal Tribunal in this matter and direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to Council’s decision, including adding and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting and litter.

Summary

An application for a liquor licence has been made to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for 526 Manning Avenue, operating under the name Smoke BBQ House (the “Premises”). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 194 patrons on the main floor and basement.

The Premises is located in close proximity to a residential neighbourhood along Manning Avenue and a high school, Harbord Collegiate Institute. There have been several previous applications to the AGCO for this address. The most recent application was denied based on concerns over the proximity to the adjacent neighbourhood and a high school. The application...
for a liquor licence for this establishment is not in the public interest unless conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence.

The local Councillor’s office has received several complaints and concerns with this application.

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**Background Information (City Council)**
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