

LS27.1.10**Marilyn Toft - RE: Toronto Street Food Vendors ITEM: LS27.1 - PLEASE READ!**

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This email is being sent on behalf of Arron Barberian, ORHMA Toronto Restaurant Region Chair.

**APRIL 1, 2014 – COUNCIL MEETING
 ITEM: LS27.1 TORONTO STREET FOOD VENDORS**

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MLS STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you may know, I am the newly elected Chair of the ORHMA Toronto Restaurant Region. There are over 6000 restaurants in the City of Toronto employing directly over 70,000 people. The restaurant industry is one of the most significant contributors to the City of Toronto's economy. Our restaurant industry immensely impacts the life and vibrancy of our city.

I am writing to you today on behalf of ORHMA - Toronto Restaurant Region with regards to the new Municipal Licensing & Standards (MLS) Committee recommendations for food truck vendors on our streets. I believe that after several meetings of a diverse and well composed working group, that the hard work of Executive Director Tracey Cook should be respected.

Item: LS27.1 Toronto Food Vendors issue will be debated by Council at its meeting beginning tomorrow.

We strongly urge you to support the "staff recommendations" put forward by MLS.

The MLS staff recommendations are a result of substantial public consultations and numerous meetings of the working group over a two year period which had representatives from various stakeholders including the Food Truck Association. The Staff Recommendations represent a balance of the interests of the various stakeholders. It would be unwise to undermine the thoughtful and thorough consideration of your Municipal and Licensing team headed by Ms. Cook.

Our members support a one year review of this item after we benefit from the experience of the upcoming 2014 spring-summer-fall street food vending season.

We also recommend that Toronto Public Health be directed to provide a report outlining the public health concerns with respect to the proposed inspection plan in order to ensure the safe preparation of food and the avoidance of any contamination-like outbreak.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me directly at (416) 723-5964.

Thank you for your time and support of the Toronto Restaurant Industry.

Yours truly,
Arron Barberien
Restaurant Owner
Chair – ORHMA Toronto Restaurant Region