

June 9, 2014

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RE St. Clair Gardens BIA– PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

St. Clair Ave West, between McRoberts Avenue and Old Weston Road, is a commercial strip that is struggling to survive. This community is fortunate to have attracted businesses that serve the diverse needs of the area, including restaurants, salons, boutiques, cafes, and medical offices. In order to establish a safer and healthier neighbourhood, it is important that the uses and activities along this commercial strip live in harmony with residents in the surrounding area.

Unfortunately, the bar culture on St. Clair Avenue West is a serious concern, as it has evolved to become an ongoing issue that is deflating this area's sense of community and safety. Drug dealing, intimidating behaviour, public drunkenness, and excessive loud noise have all compromised the local residents' quality of life.

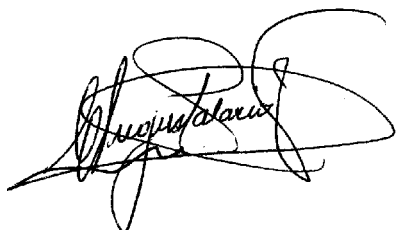
On behalf of local residents, the St. Clair Gardens BIA, and the Police Community Partnership Committee for 11/12 Division (PCP11/12), we are respectfully requesting that proactive measures be taken by Municipal Licensing & Standards, in partnership with Toronto Police Services of 11 and 12 Division, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO), and Toronto Fire Services at the following problematic locations on St. Clair Ave West: 1675, 1708, 1776, 1828 (basement unit) and 360 Old Weston Road. These problem addresses are well known by Toronto Police Services, the AGCO, Toronto Fire Services and Municipal Licensing and Standards, given the lengthy history of ongoing illegal activities at these locations.

I cannot stress how important it is that we have police patrol this area at night. As you know, the bars along this strip are problematic locations that have become regular scenes of illegal activities. We need to take a proactive approach that includes regular police presence in the area to avert such activities and to establish a safer environment for the local residents.

Recommendations:

- 1) That Etobicoke York Community Council request Municipal Licensing & Standards, and Toronto Fire Services to proactively inspect the above noted subject locations, and report back by the fall of 2014 on their findings.
- 2) That Toronto Police Services 11 and 12 Division be requested to proactively inspect the above-noted locations and to patrol the area more often, given the level of complaints regarding drug trafficking, loud noise, and illegal activities.
- 3) That Etobicoke York Community Council requests the Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO) to proactively inspect the above noted locations and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cesar Palacio', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Cesar Palacio
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