Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM3.30  ACTION  Ward:20

253 Augusta Avenue - Krepesz - Liquor Licence No. 814017 - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

*Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") that the application to expand the liquor licence to the outdoor area for Krepesz, 253 Augusta 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 that the AGCO and the Licence Appeal Tribunal (LAT) 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 LAT in this matter and direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Summary

Krepesz Inc. has submitted an application for an expansion of a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") for a premises at 253 Augusta Avenue operating under the name Krepesz (the "Premises"). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 17 patrons on an outdoor boulevard patio. Currently, the Premises has a liquor licence for the indoor area. The applicant received a Boulevard Café Permit in June 2014 to use the portion of Augusta Avenue in front of the Premises as part of the restaurant.
The proposed boulevard patio is located in close proximity to residential properties. Therefore, the application to expand the liquor licence to the outdoor area is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are added to the licence. Under no circumstance should a liquor sales licence for the patio be granted at the Premises without appropriate conditions attached.

This matter is urgent as the deadline to object to the application is February 22, 2015.