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**City Council****Motion without Notice**

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**Liquor Licence Application - 1776 St. Clair Avenue West - The Venue -  
by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor David Shiner**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor David Shiner, 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 The Venue, 1776 St. Clair Ave West (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 Licence Appeal Tribunal ("LAT") to provide the City with an opportunity to be made a party 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 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, public 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 the premise at 1776 St. Clair Avenue West operating under the name The Venue (the "Premises"). Public Submissions will be accepted until May 17, 2015.

For the past few years this location has been the source of many complaints related to: loud noise, public drunkenness, serving liquor and hosting after hours parties in the backyard area with amplified sound until the early morning hours, alleged drug dealing, littering the Cloverdale Road flankage and rear public laneway, loitering, and public safety concerns which have seriously detracted from the success and vitality of the local business strip. Local residents are circulating a petition in objection to this application and it will be forwarded to the AGCO in advance of the May 17th deadline for community input. Most importantly, this is discouraging good people and families with young school aged children from walking freely along the street and feeling safe, and they've reached a point now, where they can no longer tolerate or be subjected to this inexcusable behaviour any longer.

Furthermore, the Premises is located next to residential properties and there is great concern that the establishment will continue to be very disruptive for residents in the area. This application for a liquor licence is, therefore, not in the public interest and must be turned down.