

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Concerns Regarding Manufacturer's Limited Liquor Sales Licence - Left Field Brewery - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** 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.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council direct staff from Legal Services, Economic Development and Culture and Municipal Licensing and Standards to work with Left Field Brewery, the local Councillor and concerned immediate neighbours to come to a solution to reduce the noise impact of the By-the-Glass Licence operations before the licence is due for renewal in February 2016.
2. City Council request the consideration of this matter be included on the agenda of the first Toronto and East York Community Council meeting of 2016.

Summary

There are many new and exciting craft breweries opening across the City, including Left Field Brewery. This local craft brewery was assisted by Economic Development and Culture to secure a location in this employment zone, and with my strong support at the Committee of Adjustment.

This popular new brewery is a welcome addition to the east end neighbourhood and has become a neighbourhood hot spot, as well as an east end destination.

At the December 2014 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council, I submitted a letter of non-objection for the issuance of a new Manufacturer's Limited Liquor Sales Licence (By-the-Glass) for Left Field Brewery at 36 Wagstaff Drive in Ward 30. A By-the-Glass licence is a special liquor licence designation meant to promote the manufacturer's product and either provide an enhanced tourist experience or fulfill an educational purpose. The licence must be renewed annually. It expires in February 2016.

In their letter to the Community Council, the ownership stated "sampling not only provides guests with the opportunity to try a product before they buy it but also enhanced the educational

experience of their visit", and I agree with this statement.

I was very happy to support a local business in securing a limited license to sell 12oz samples of their beer to customers touring the brewery and visiting the shop. However, it has become such a popular spot that increased noise has impacted the residential neighbours to the south.

At a meeting with the neighbours and brewery owners to discuss these issues, it was suggested that the large garage door at the brewery be closed when patrons are in the facility in order to contain the noise. Unfortunately, this has not happened.

This is a strong community with a great history of working together as good neighbours, and with the support of Municipal Licensing and Standards, Economic Development and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, as well as cooperation between all parties, a positive outcome can surely be reached before the February 2016 renewal deadline.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bqrd/backgroundfile-81947.pdf>)