City Council

Motion without Notice

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Liquor Licence Application for 252 Dupont Street - Bar Begonia File No. 24300 - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

* 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the liquor licence application for Bar Begonia, 252 Dupont Street ("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 action 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, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area.

Summary

Bar Begonia Inc. has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") for the premises at 252 Dupont Street, operating under the name Bar Begonia ("Premises"). The application is for a restaurant with a proposed indoor capacity of 55 persons and a proposed outdoor capacity of 40 persons.

The Premises are located in close proximity to residential properties. There are concerns related to noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area.

This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.

This Motion is urgent as the deadline for public comment to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario is November 8, 2015.

Background Information (City Council)

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