

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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| MM18.6 | ACTION | | | Ward:All |
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Openness and Transparency: Public Input at the Toronto Licensing Tribunal - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, in consultation with the City Manager and the City Solicitor, to review the Toronto Licensing Tribunal Relationship Framework and any other relevant by-laws, policies and processes to provide opportunities for broader direct community input in Toronto Licensing Tribunal matters and to report back to Executive Committee by the end of 2016.

Summary

As a part of the City of Toronto's commitment to open and transparent government, members of the public are given an opportunity to speak at Committee meetings, and at meetings of the City's various agencies and boards.

They are also afforded an opportunity to speak at the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario hearings, the Committee of Adjustment and the Ontario Municipal Board, the latter two are independent, quasi-judicial tribunals like the Toronto Licensing Tribunal.

From time to time, situations arise where Torontonians would like to speak at Toronto Licensing Tribunal hearings. However, the current Toronto Licensing Tribunal does not give residents that opportunity like, for example, the Committee of Adjustment does.

Moreover, the direct input would no doubt help the Toronto Licensing Tribunal decision-making process as it does for the Committee of Adjustment, and through the City of Toronto's governance structure and thus strengthen our local neighbourhoods and improve public policy.

The Tribunal process permits an individual to either appear directly as a witness if they are called, or for an individual or group to formally seek intervener status with the Tribunal. There should be a more open and transparent opportunity for community members to participate and

for their input to be considered when cases are being reviewed.

Background Information (City Council)

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