

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Analysis of Options Concerning Odours Emanating from Manufacturing Facilities - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano

** 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 Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to complete a jurisdictional scan and analysis of regulatory options to address concerns of odours emanating from manufacturing facilities, including an Odour Control By-law, and report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on the feasibility of implementing such measures.

Summary

The Nitta Gelatin plant located at 60 Paton Road in Ward 18 renders pig skins into gelatin, an animal by-product that is used in the creation of food and pharmaceutical products. Nitta Gelatin produces emissions that are foul in nature with many people reporting the smell to be similar to that of garbage and sewage. It has been reported that the odours have been experienced by people in all directions from the plant at all times of the day, depending on humidity level and wind direction. Residents assert that the foul odour has, and continues to have a negative impact on their lives, preventing them from fully enjoying the use of their private property.

While the area surrounding the plant is undergoing changes with more residential and commercial development taking place, there are homes nearby that have existed just as long as the plant itself. In 2012, Nitta Gelatin decided to begin processing wastewater on site, which many residents believe to be the reason behind a reported increase in the frequency and intensity of odours emanating from the plant.

In recent years, despite numerous public meetings, discussions, and plans involving Nitta Gelatin, including separate visits in 2015 from the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Provincial Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, there has been no end in sight and the plant is still emitting negative odours that are impacting the health and well-being of area residents.

The recommendations seek to have City staff report back to the Licensing and Standards Committee with a jurisdictional scan and analysis of regulatory options to address concerns of odours emanating from manufacturing facilities, including investigating the feasibility of an Odour Control By-law to help better manage odours in our neighbourhoods.

City staff from the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division and the Deputy City Manager's Office, Cluster B have been consulted in the preparation of this Motion.

With the change in weather, many residents have reported an increase in odours emanating from Nitta Gelatin's plant, preventing residents' ability to enjoy the use of their property. The next City Council meeting is scheduled to take place on October 5, 2016 and therefore it is crucial to provide direction to staff in order to facilitate reporting back to the Licensing and Standards Committee.

Background Information (City Council)

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