City Council

Motion without Notice

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Including Social Clubs in the Comprehensive Review and Modernization of Chapter 545, Licensing - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

Recommendations

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report to Licensing and Standards Committee on the feasibility of licensing social and/or private clubs as part of the comprehensive review and modernization of Chapter 545, Licensing.

Summary

A recent fatal shooting outside of a social club on Donlands Avenue has raised significant concerns from residents throughout the community.

Social Clubs play an important role in the life of our City. They are not currently licensed by the City of Toronto. Many though operate facilities that are very similar to facilities that we regulate and license.

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards is currently conducting a comprehensive review and modernization of Chapter 545, Licensing. Chapter 545 is the Chapter used by the City to permit, prohibit, and limit businesses for the protection of public health and safety and assurance that businesses operate lawfully. The Chapter has evolved over time through Council-approved amendments. The purpose of this review is to improve and modernize the service provided to customers related to licence issuance; enhance by-law enforcement; and identify efficiencies for businesses.

Social clubs should be considered as part of this review and Toronto residents should have an opportunity to comment on this matter, as part of the stakeholder and public consultation process.

Background Information (City Council)

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^{*} 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.