



City Councillor – Ward 17 •Davenport

October 16, 2017

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RE: ST. CLAIR GARDENS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA – PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

The St. Clair Gardens Business Improvement Area that represents the catchment area of McRoberts Avenue to Old Weston has worked tirelessly to attract many businesses that serve the diverse needs of the neighbourhood, which includes speciality shops, fine dining establishments, fresh food markets, salons, boutiques and cafes.

In order to establish a safer and healthier neighbourhood, it is important that the uses and activities along this commercial strip live in harmony with residents in the surrounding area. Unfortunately, the bar culture on St. Clair Avenue West is a serious concern, as it has evolved to become an ongoing issue that is deflating this area's sense of community and safety. Alleged illegal activities, public drunkenness, loitering, hosting after hour parties and loud music complaints have all compromised the local residents' quality of life.

On behalf of local residents and the St. Clair Gardens Business Improvement Area, we are respectfully requesting that proactive measures be taken by Municipal Licensing & Standards, in partnership with Toronto Police Services of 11 and 12 Division, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO), and Toronto Fire Services at the following problematic locations at **1708 and 1776 St. Clair Ave West**.

We need to take a proactive approach that includes regular police presence in partnerships with the City's enforcement agencies, in order to avert such activities and to establish a safer environment for the local community.

Recommendations:

1) That Etobicoke York Community Council request Municipal Licensing & Standards in conjunction with Toronto Fire Service, Toronto Police Services 11 and 12 Division and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO) to patrol, monitor and coordinate inspections regarding these subject locations, given the level of complaints and report back on any incidences, violations or charges at the next Community Council meeting of January 16, 2018.

Sincerely Yours,

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Cesar Palacio
Toronto City Councillor
Ward 17-Davenport