TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM27.52	ACTION			Ward:7

21 B Toryork Drive - Objection to Liquor Licence Application File 25493 - Blue Diamond Entertainment Complex - by Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb

**** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.***
**** This Motion is subject to referral to the Etobicoke York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.***
**** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.***

Recommendations

Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, 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 the proposed establishment located at 21 B Toryork Drive ("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 or Refuse the liquor licence.

2. City Council request the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario or the Licence Appeal Tribunal to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario or the Licence Appeal Tribunal in this matter and direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary actions 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.

Summary

S and E Entertainment Lounge Inc. has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for the purpose of obtaining a new liquor licence for a premises at 21 B Toryork Drive operating under the name Blue Diamond Entertainment Complex (the "Premises"). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 451 patrons indoors.

Residents in the area and I are concerned that the venue will be used to host parties and in essence operate as a nightclub. This liquor licence application is for an establishment that will

operate a restaurant, banquet hall and lounge. Given the large proposed capacity, and that the Premises' own Facebook page indicates that the facility will be used to host parties, I am concerned that it will operate as a nightclub and will host all-age Electronic Dance Music events. I have a longstanding position against nightclubs in Ward 7, York West, and a well-documented position against venues that host electronic dance music parties where minors are allowed entry.

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. In particular, conditions pertaining to safety and security should be attached to the licence. Under no circumstance a liquor sales licence be granted at the Premises without appropriate conditions attached.

This matter is deemed urgent as the deadline to object to the application was January 8, 2017 and the licence has not yet been issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Background Information (City Council)

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