

City Council

Motion without Notice

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2620 Danforth Avenue - Liquor Licence Application - by Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** 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 Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the issuance of a liquor licence for J's Sports Bar & Grill, 2620 Danforth is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents unless conditions are placed on the licence and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.
2. City Council request the Licence Appeal Tribunal to provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to be made party to any proceedings with respect to the Premises.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor and to attend all proceedings before the Licence Appeal Tribunal in this matter and City Council direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises.

Summary

An application has been submitted to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence at the premises at 2620 Danforth Avenue to operate under the name of J's Sports Bar & Grill, formally Pentagram. This Motion requests that City Council advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that 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.

There is a long history of concern at this establishment, over-serving, after-hours serving, disorderly behavior, etc. If conditions are put in place, these concerns may be mitigated and enhance public safety for residents as well as the patrons and employees of the premises.

At its meeting of April 25, 26 and 27, 2006, City Council authorized the City Solicitor to

oppose the application of Minlyton Group Inc. (“Licensee”) to expand its liquor licence to include an outdoor area at 2620 Danforth Avenue. After facilitating meetings with the community, the applicant and Legal Services, the applicant agreed to have certain conditions attached to its liquor licence, it was then approved based on those conditions.

As a result of discussions with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, the conditions previously approved cannot be transferred to the new establishment as they are not all in the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario's enforcement capacity. Therefore, by way of this Motion, I would like to direct City Staff to work with the community and applicant to ensure this establishment is not licensed without additional conditions, and that they are binding.

Background Information (City Council)

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