

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM5.32	ACTION			Ward: 14
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31 Saulters Street, Unit 1 Licence 484281 -Liquor Licence Application - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, 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 Saulters Street Brewery, 31 Saulters Street, Unit 1 (the “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 application.
2. City Council request the Licence Appeal Tribunal to provide the City of Toronto 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 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 and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting and litter.

Summary

Saulters Street Brewery Inc. has submitted an application for a new liquor licence tied to a manufacturer (a "Tied House Licence") to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for the premises at 31 Saulters Street, Unit 1, operating under the name Saulters Street Brewery (the “Premises”). The applicant is seeking an indoor capacity for 100 patrons, and an outdoor licenced patio with a capacity of 30 patrons.

The Premises is currently operating as a brewery and restaurant, and is serving their brewed beer at the Premises under a Manufacturers Limited Sales Licence. This type of liquor licence permits the sale of product brewed on site with certain restrictions, such as serving beer in glasses no larger than 341ml, and the service must stop at 9:00 pm daily. The Tied House

Licence the applicant has applied for would permit the sale of beer manufactured at the Premises as if the Premises had a regular liquor licence, without the restrictions associated with a Manufacturers Limited Sales Licence.

The Premises is located immediately adjacent to a residential area. The operation of the establishment currently impacts neighbouring residents, and the residents and the local Councillor's office are concerned that if the Tied House Licence is approved the impacts will worsen and occur later in the evening. The impacts relate to noise, safety, litter, and other matters. This application for a Tied House Licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence.

This matter is deemed urgent as the deadline to object to the liquor licence application is April 2, 2019.

Background Information (City Council)

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