

City Council

Motion without Notice

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333 Lake Shore Boulevard East - Liquor Licence Application - Pioneer Aurora Borealis - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, 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 a boat that operates out of 333 Lake Shore Boulevard East operating under the name Pioneer Aurora Borealis (the “Premises”) is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue either a Proposal to Review or a Proposal to Refuse 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 to attend all proceedings before the Licence Appeal Tribunal in this matter and direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary action so as to give effect to this Motion, including determining whether the application ought to be refused outright or whether the application can be supported with conditions to the liquor licence, all in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Summary

1166552 Ontario Inc., submitted an Application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence for a boat that operates out of 333 Lake Shore Boulevard East under the name of Pioneer Aurora Borealis (“the Premises”). The Application is for an indoor licenced area with a proposed capacity of 520 patrons and an outdoor licenced area with a proposed capacity of 520 patrons. The total proposed indoor and outdoor capacity is 1040 patrons.

The Premises will operate as a licenced tour boat on Lake Ontario. There is a long history of the impacts that some licenced tour/party boats have had on residents in the City of Toronto,

particularly residents of Algonquin and Ward's Islands. Most tour boats play amplified music supplied by a disc jockey, and loud amplified music combined with loud crowd cheering from the boats prior to leaving the Toronto Harbour and upon their return to the Harbour, have been very impactful on the island residents over the last several years. The proposed licenced capacity of over 1,000 patrons adds to the concern of potential impacts the licenced boat may have on the residents.

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.

This matter is urgent as an original Placard deadline for objections is March 29, 2019, and a revised Placard deadline is April 23, 2019.

Background Information (City Council)

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