

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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An Inspection and Enforcement Action Plan on Problematic Establishments Serving Alcohol - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the General Government and Licensing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building, and the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services to consult with the Toronto Police Service and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to develop and implement a cross-jurisdictional action plan to respond, manage and resolve negative community impacts created by problematic establishments serving alcohol, and to report to the General Government and Licensing Committee in the fourth quarter of 2019 on the plan's successes and needed improvements.

Summary

In Toronto-St. Paul's there have been a number of establishments serving alcohol that have impacted the safety and quality of life for local residents. These establishments, which often operate as unlicensed, after hour booze cans, are a hub for criminal activity that create disturbances and invite violence into our neighbourhoods.

As a result of the transient nature of the proprietors of these establishments, permanent closure is complex and requires the intervention, inspection and enforcement of the Toronto Police Service, Municipal, Licensing and Standards, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, Toronto Building and Toronto Fire Services. While the Toronto Police Service can lay charges under the Liquor Licence Act, Municipal, Licensing and Standards can issue notices of violation under the Toronto Municipal Code. Similarly, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario has the authority to refuse, revoke or suspend a licence and both Toronto Building and Toronto Fire Services can collaborate to close a premise.

It is imperative that all services work in a coordinated effort that will strengthen their abilities to resolve these enforcement issues.

Neighbourhoods in our communities deserve to be safe and vibrant. Anything less is unacceptable to local residents.

Background Information (City Council)

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