

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM35.46	ACTION			Ward: 14
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401 Logan Avenue - Zoning Amendment - Final Report - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** 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 Ana Bailao, recommends that City Council adopt the following recommendations in the report (July 9, 2021) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning:

1. City Council enact the zoning by-law amendment substantially in accordance with Attachment 1 to the report (July 9, 2021) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.
2. City Council direct that approval be contingent on the following conditions:
 - a. signage will be posted in a prominent location to remind people to be considerate of the surrounding community;
 - b. the patio be closed at 10:00 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday and 11:00 p.m. from Friday to Saturday; and
 - c. a telephone number will be provided for neighbours to register concerns or complaints directly with management.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the zoning by-law amendment as may be required.

Summary

City Planning has received a request for a temporary use zoning by-law for an outdoor patio with a live performance stage on the surface parking lot located at 401 Logan Avenue in association with the Crow's Theatre Bar/Lounge located at 345 Carlaw Avenue. Crow's Theatre is located within the Streetcar Crowsnest development, on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, north of Dundas Street East. The proposed outdoor patio is on private property. The site is not part of the CaféTO program.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Crow's Theatre has remained closed due to the limitations on indoor public gatherings. The theatre has suspended all scheduled performances and cancelled productions for 2020/2021.

The proposed by-law complements the existing CaféTO program by providing an opportunity for an outdoor patio on site associated with Crow's Theatre Lobby Bar. The by-law aligns with the CaféTO expiration date of April 14, 2022. This temporary use by-law will provide an opportunity for Crow's Theatre Lobby Bar to expand its patio operation and to support this business' ability to continue operations while meeting requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Motion is urgent as the Crow's Theatre has been closed due to limits on indoor public gatherings so the proposed outdoor patio would provide an opportunity to improve customer relations and financial viability.

Background Information (City Council)

(July 14, 2021) Member Motion MM35.46

(July 9, 2021) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on 401 Logan Avenue - Zoning Amendment - Final Report and Attachment 1, Draft Temporary Use By-law

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-169342.pdf>)