

City Council

Motion without Notice

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592 Gerrard Street East - Zoning Amendment - Final Report and Licence Arrangement- by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** 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 Brad Bradford, recommends that City Council adopt the following recommendations in the report (July 15, 2021) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management:

1. City Council enact the zoning by-law amendment substantially in accordance with Attachment 1 to the report (July 15, 2021) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management.
2. The City be authorized to enter into a licence arrangement with a restaurant or restaurants in the vicinity of 592 Gerrard Street East, permitting the licensee(s) to establish an open dining area on the site, available for use by all members of the public and, in exchange for incurring the associated costs of providing tables, seating and maintaining such public area, allowing the licensee(s), to serve food and beverages to individuals making use of the area, where permitted by applicable law, subject to such terms as considered appropriate by the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, including any requirements under the CafeTO program or Municipal Code Chapter 742, Sidewalk Cafes, Parklets and Marketing Displays, which might be modified or adapted to be appropriate in the circumstances.
3. 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;
 - c. a telephone number will be provided for neighbours to register concerns or complaints

directly with licensee(s); and

d. there will be no outdoor music, performances and dancing, or amplified sound on the patio.

4. 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 that would allow for an outdoor patio to be located in a Toronto Parking Authority surface parking lot at 592 Gerrard Street East. The lot is currently vacant, historically used for municipal parking and managed by the Toronto Parking Authority. There are no existing City uses or activities within the proposed patio area, with an existing bike share station along the frontage of the lot to remain. A patio is proposed to be similarly established in this vacant City-owned Toronto Parking Authority lot, for restaurants in the vicinity who may reach a licencing arrangement with the City to use the space for a temporary patio.

For main street restaurant businesses, temporary patios are being established in the right of way under the CaféTO program, to provide additional patio capacity during restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The temporary zoning relief is to provide additional outdoor patio capacity to ensure physical distancing is maintained for patrons and to meet their own standard patron capacity targets to remain in operation during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This Motion is urgent as local restaurants have been closed for much of the pandemic due to limits on indoor public gatherings so the proposed outdoor patio would provide an opportunity to improve their customer relations and financial viability.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM35.52

(July 15, 2021) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management on 592 Gerrard Street East - Zoning Amendment - Final Report and Licence Arrangement and Attachment 1 - Draft Temporary Use By-law

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-169387.pdf>)