

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM36.12	ACTION			Ward: All
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24-Hour City. Where's the Service? - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to prepare a budget briefing note for City Council through the 2022 Operating Budget process on the financial implications of implementing rapid response by-law enforcement outside of existing operating hours across the City or in area-specific pilot projects where the largest number of by-law complaints are currently being generated.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report to the General Government and Licensing Committee in the fourth quarter of 2021 on the feasibility and work involved in harmonizing by-law enforcement on City sidewalks.

Summary

Toronto is increasingly becoming a 24-hour city and we should embrace it. Music, clubs and theatres; 24-hour gyms, late-opening book stores and art galleries – the night-time economy encompasses many activities. Before the pandemic, it was a multi-billion dollar industry and there's no reason why it won't be again.

For some time, the request for 311 service extended well outside the traditional business hours. Toronto residents are asking for rapid response when it comes to by-law enforcement for construction noise, light pollution, road racing, animal services, transportation right-of-way encroachments etc.

As a City stays up later and wakes up earlier, it's imperative that the local government meet the needs of its dynamic and demanding constituents.

Background Information (City Council)

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-171170.pdf>