

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM45.2	ACTION			Ward: 14
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City View Outdoor Concert Venue - 20 Polson Street Use of Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Catering Endorsements - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Solicitor to write the Registrar under the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Act, 2019, to determine if City View is overusing the use of caterer's endorsements in order to operate on a regular basis as if it were a licenced premises, and to report back to City Council on the Registrar's response to the letter.

Summary

Since the summer of 2021, the parking lot property at 20 Polson Street is being used as an outdoor concert venue called City View. City View is located immediately across the street from Rebel Nightclub and the Cabana Pool Bar located at 11 Polson Street. There is a long history of noise disturbances from the licenced premises at 11 Polson Street on the residents around the Toronto harbour and other residents living in Ward 14. City View does not possess a liquor licence, but liquor has been sold at events at City View through the use of caterer's endorsements authorized by Sections 59 and 60 of Liquor Licence and Control Act Regulation 746/21. It is intended that a caterer's endorsement be used to permit the sale of liquor at special events only and the licensee in which the endorsement is granted must be a different entity then the sponsor of the events. A caterer's endorsement should not be used to operate a licenced premises on a regular basis as if it had its own liquor licence.

To determine if City View is overusing the use of caterer's endorsements, City Council should direct the City Solicitor to write to the Registrar under the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Act, 2019, to review the previous Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario approvals for caterer's endorsements given to licensees for events at City View.

Urgent consideration is being requested as residents continue to be disturbed by noise from City View and more events are scheduled for the upcoming summer.

Background Information (City Council)

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<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/mm/bgrrd/backgroundfile-226833.pdf>

