

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM6.21	ACTION			Ward: 10
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59 Merchants' Wharf - Liquor Licence Application - Simona - Licence 2087046 - by Councillor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** 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.*

** This Motion relates to an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Hearing and has been deemed urgent.*

Recommendations

Councillor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the issuance of a liquor licence for Simona, 59 Merchants' Wharf is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents unless conditions are placed on the licence and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review or Refuse the liquor licence application.
2. City Council request the Licence Appeal Tribunal to provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to be made party to any proceedings with respect to the Premises.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the Licence Appeal Tribunal in this matter and City Council direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the local Councillor.

Summary

A new application has been submitted to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence at the premises at 59 Merchants' Wharf to operate under the name Simona. The application is for both an indoor and outdoor area. This Motion requests that City Council advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that this application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence.

This establishment is located in close proximity to residential units. There are concerns that an establishment with a liquor licence can cause noise and disturbance to residents in the area. If conditions are put in place, these concerns may be mitigated. Under no circumstance should the establishment be granted a liquor sales license without conditions attached.

This matter is urgent as the deadline to object to the application was May 2, 2023.

Background Information (City Council)

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