

City Council

Motion without Notice

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**Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Liquor Licence
Application- 142 George Street File 2847929 - by Councillor Chris
Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll**

** 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 Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the liquor licence application for 142 George Street, operating under the name 6ix Iron Indoor Golf, is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Refuse the liquor licence application.
2. City Council request the Licence Appeal Tribunal to provide the City with an opportunity to be made a party in any proceedings with respect to the Premises at 142 George Street, operating under the name 6ix Iron Indoor Golf.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the Licence Appeal Tribunal in this matter and be directed to take all necessary action so as to give effect to this motion, including determining whether the application ought to be refused outright or whether the application can be supported with conditions to the liquor licence, all in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Summary

The applicant has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for the premises at 142 George Street, operating under the name 6ix Iron Indoor Golf. It will have an indoor capacity of 28.

The Premises are located in close proximity to residential properties. There are concerns with respect to noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area as previously, the Premises was operating as a nightclub without a licence. Following several resident complaints, Bylaw Enforcement Officers investigated the site on six separate occasions and issued a total of three charges. The operator was ultimately convicted for all three charges of operating a public hall without licence. There were also 25 noise complaints filed against the Premises between August 5, 2023 and April 21, 2024. This evidence provides that the operator has not proven capable of acting within the City's bylaws or as a good neighbour.

This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless the concerns of the residents are addressed. The Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario should be requested to issue a Proposal to Refuse the liquor licence application.

The City needs to file its objection to the liquor licence application as soon as possible because there is a deadline and also to be able to participate in any hearing in this matter. It is urgent that Council consider this matter at this Council meeting.

Background Information (City Council)

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