

City Council

Motion without Notice

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North Spirit Distillery By-The-Glass Permit Application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise

- * 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 Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise, recommends that:

1. City Council advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario of its support of the application from North Spirit Distillery, 44-2300 Finch Avenue West, for a Manufacturer's Limited Liquor Sales License for sales by the glass.

Summary

North Spirit Distillery is an existing Distillery/Spirits Manufacturer in the Emery Village neighbourhood. They are a local business which has operated in the area for nearly 5 years. Everything they produce is locally sourced, distilled and hand-crafted. The distillery produces products for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario as well direct delivery of alcoholic beverages to various licencees. Current licences they hold are Manufacturing Licence and Retail Sales Licence. They would like to open to the public for educational tours and tasting and hence as per the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario requirements have requested a letter from local council, as follows: "Written notice from the council of the municipality within which the applicant's production site is located, confirming that it has passed a resolution in support of the issuance of the endorsement".

The reason for the urgency is that the business is up for manufacturer's renewal in May, and they would like to process this as part of that application, but the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario will need also take some time to provide the endorsement. They have agreed to process it as quickly as possible as well, for this reason. Additionally, the distillery is hosting their grand opening for their tour function on May the 2nd, for which this license would be necessary.

Background Information (City Council)

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