

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM32.32	ACTION			Ward: 14
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850 Carlaw Avenue - Liquor Licence Application - Dopapen Coffee - License Number 3213857 - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* 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 has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, 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 850 Carlaw Avenue, operating under the name Dopapen Coffee (the “Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue either a Proposal to Review or a Proposal to 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 direct the City Solicitor 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 added to the liquor licence, all in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Summary

An application has been submitted to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence for the premises at 850 Carlaw Avenue to operate under the name Dopapen Coffee (the "Premises"). The Application is for an indoor area only.

The Premises currently operates as a coffee shop and is located in the middle of a low-density residential neighbourhood. If the Premises is licenced there are concerns related to noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area. This application for a new 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 Review or a Proposal to Refuse the liquor licence application.

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 matter is urgent as the placard deadline for objections is August 5, 2025.

Background Information (City Council)

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