
**TORONTO LICENSING TRIBUNAL ELECTRONIC HEARING:
April 2, 2026 (1:00 PM)
Summary of Decisions
V. Francis**

- 3. Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc.** (Report No. 8017)
Harun Karaaslan, Director
Applicant for an Eating or Drinking Establishment Licence (Application No. C547395)

DECISION:

The Tribunal approved the joint Proposed Resolution, originally signed on March 30 (by Harun Karaaslan) and March 31, 2026 (by Municipal Licensing and Standards), as follows:

“The Eating or Drinking Establishment Licence shall be issued, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) All fees, documents and/or any outstanding requirements must be submitted to the satisfaction of Municipal Licensing and Standards within 30 days of the Tribunal hearing, failing which the application may be cancelled;
- (2) Esat Dervis Karaaslan, former Director of Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc., shall not be permitted to enter the premises of 431 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 1X9 nor shall he have any involvement whatsoever in the operations of the Licence or Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc. including but not limited to, as a shareholder, officer, director, manager, operator, employee or contractor and he shall have no legal, beneficial or other financial interest in the ownership of the business;
- (3) Immediately upon being issued, the Eating or Drinking Establishment Licence will be placed on probation for a period of **two (2) years**. Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc. is advised that during the probationary period, MLS may make additional checks of any criminal and by-law charges and convictions against Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc. and its directors and officers and conduct other investigations as appropriate, to assess Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc.'s and its directors and officers' compliance with the requirements of Chapter 545 of the Municipal Code and other applicable laws;

- (4) During the probationary period, if Municipal Licensing and Standards has concerns with any new charges or convictions against Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc. and its directors and officers or any other concerns with respect to the conduct of Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc., or the conduct of its directors and officers, those matters and report no. 8017 and any updating material, may be brought back before the Tribunal for a full hearing. Municipal Licensing and Standards shall not use any admission of guilt, conviction, sentence, monetary penalties, or other resolution with respect to charges laid against Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc. in 2025 that are currently pending as the sole basis to return this matter to the Tribunal;
- (5) Upon the conclusion of the criminal charges laid in 2024 against Esat Dervis Karaaslan, either of the parties may request that the matter be brought back to the Tribunal to determine if the above conditions on the licence should be modified or removed.”

(Deborah Zikos, Solicitor attended today's hearing on behalf of Dion Vassos, Solicitor and Turquoise Grill Richmond Inc.)