
Report To: Mayor C. Zehr & Members of Council

Date of Meeting: May 8, 2006

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Ward(s) Involved: 1 – Bridgeport-Centre

Date of Report: May 3, 2006

Report No.: CRPS-06-076

Subject: LICENSING HEARING – THE DOLL HOUSE, 6 BRIDGE STREET W.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a hearing be held under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, to determine whether or not to revoke, suspend or impose conditions as a requirement of continuing to hold Adult Entertainment Parlour (Class E) Licence 20 06 000286 01 L6, issued to 2027625 Ontario Ltd for The Doll House, 6 Bridge Street W.; and,

That Councillors _____, _____, _____ and _____ (alternate) be appointed as members of the tribunal; and further,

That the hearing, to be held at Kitchener City Hall be scheduled as soon as possible and notice be given, following which a report will be submitted to Council for its consideration.

BACKGROUND:

2027625 Ontario Ltd. was issued an Adult Entertainment Parlour Licence under Chapter 502 of the Municipal Code. The establishment is commonly referred to as a Strip Club and has been operated by 2027625 Ontario Ltd. for the past 2.5 years. The business was operated by previous owners at that location for 30 years without complaint or incident. Early in 2006 the Licensing Section received information from the Waterloo Regional Police Services (WRPS) that the business was not operating in compliance with the City's Municipal Code. Subsequent inspections by Licensing staff verified non-compliance with respect to the business.

REPORT:

Section 150 (8) of the Municipal Act, as amended, provides that Council may revoke, suspend or impose conditions on a licence. In exercising the power conferred in this section of the Act, Council shall exercise its discretion upon the grounds that the conduct of any person, including the officers, directors, employees or agents of a corporation, affords reasonable cause to

believe that the person will not carry on or engage in the business in accordance with the law or with honesty and integrity.

The information received from the WRPS indicated that on December 8, 2005, officers observed improper touching and services being provided which were not in plain or unobstructed view of the main stage. The inspections undertaken by licensing staff also found evidence of an area that was obstructed from view. Since that date, the WRPS have forwarded several other incidents of improper touching and other violations of the Municipal Code. Based on the information from the WRPS, the subsequent inspections by City staff and the seriousness of the reported infractions; it is being recommended that a hearing take place to review the conduct of the licence holder and/or the officers, directors, employees or agents of the business.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Should a hearing be scheduled then notice will be sent via registered mail to the Licensee advising of the date, time and location.

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