

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 16, 2003

SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
1409044 ONTARIO INC. (MARVELLOUS SPA)

Recommendation

The City Clerk in consultation with the Manager of Special Projects, Licensing and Permits recommends:

That the Body Rub Parlour License issued to 1409044 Ontario Inc o/a Marvellous Spa be suspended for a period of 15 days.

Purpose

To consider the suspension of the Body Rub Parlour License.

Background - Analysis and Options

On May 3, 2003 at approximately 12:33 a.m. the Licensing Section of the Clerks Department conducted an investigation of the Body Rub Parlour located at 435 Bowes Rd (Marvellous Spa). The investigation was carried out with York Regional Police as part of "Project Closure"; a 2 week enforcement of Body Rub Parlours operating in contravention of By-law 2-2001. During the investigation, undercover officers ascertained that the Body Rub Parlour was open for business outside the prescribed hours, that there were no windows installed on the doors for rooms that are designated for massage and that the Owner or Operator of the Body Rub Parlour was not present. Officers from York Regional Police laid charges on site against the two Body Rub Attendants for "carrying on the business of a Body Rub Attendant outside the prescribed hours and carrying on the business of a Body Rub Attendant without an Owner/Operator present". In addition, charges are also presently being processed against the owner for the above infractions.

Section 13.0 (3) o) of By-law 2-2001 as amended, states that no services shall be provided in a Body Rub Parlour unless a licensed owner or operator is present; and,

Section 13.03 (1) k) of By-law 2-2001 as amended, states that every door on the room designated as a massage room shall be equipped with a window of a size not less than 36cm x 36cm; and,

Section 13.04 of By-law 2-2001 as amended, prescribes the hours of operation of Body Rub Parlours as follows:

Monday to Friday	9:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m
Saturday	9:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m
Sunday	10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m

Pursuant to Section 7.0 (1), outlined hereafter, the Licensing Officer informed the Licensee that their Body Rub Parlour License was suspended for a period of 15 days. Attached is a copy of the said letter.

Section 7.0 (1) of By-law 2-2001 as amended, states:

- "(1) Upon reviewing a license application, including an application for renewal of a license, or upon receiving information or a complaint against a license holder, the Licensing Officer may, in his or her sole discretion refer the application to Council, or refuse to grant, or revoke or suspend a license upon the following grounds:

- a) where the conduct of the applicant or licensee affords reasonable grounds for belief that such applicant or licensee will not carry on or engage in the business in accordance with the law, or integrity and honesty;
- b) where the conduct of the applicant or licensee, or other circumstances, afford reasonable grounds for belief that the carrying on by the applicant or licensee of the business in respect of which the license is sought or held, would infringe the rights, or endanger the health or safety of, members of the public;
- c) where there are reasonable grounds for belief that the carrying on of the business by the applicant or licensee will result in non-compliance with this by-law or any other requirement or prohibition imposed by any other law;"

Section 7.0 of By-law 2-2001 further provides that the Licensee may appeal to Council where the Licensing Officer suspends a license. Attached is a copy of a letter from the licensee's solicitor requesting an appeal of the Licensing Officer's decision.

Conclusion

Based on the information resulting from the investigation by the Licensing Section and York Regional Police, it is recommended that the Body Rub Parlour license issued to 1409044 Ontario Inc. o/a Marvellous Spa be suspended for 15 days.

Attachments

1. Letter to Body Rub Parlour Owner
2. Letter from Body Rub Parlour Solicitor

Report prepared by:

Joseph A.V. Chiarelli
Manager Special Projects Licensing and Permits

Geoff Gelfand
Licensing Officer

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach
City Clerk

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Attn: Joseph Chiarelli

Dear Mr. Chiarelli,

Re: 1409044 Ontario Inc. o/a Marvellous Spa – Notice of Suspension in letter dated May 13, 2003

Further to our conversation of yesterday afternoon with Mr. Gelfand, I write to advise you that we intend on appealing the decision to suspend the body-rub parlour license of the above-noted licensee.

It is our understanding from Mr. Gelfand that the suspension of the license will be held in abeyance pending the appeal of the decision to the Council for the City of Vaughn.

Yours very truly,



Morris Manning, Q.C., J.D.

May 13, 2003

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o/a Marvellous Spa
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Concord, Ontario
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ATTENTION: KRYSZYNA KRAWIEC

At approximately 12:30 a.m. on May 3, 2003 the Licensing Enforcement Officer and York Regional Police inspected the above noted body rub parlour. The following observations were made:

The body rub parlour was open for business outside the prescribed hours contrary to Section 13.04 (1) of By-law 2-2001 as amended;

The doors on the rooms designated as massage rooms were not equipped with windows as prescribed by Section 13.05 (1) k) of By-law 2-2001 as amended;

There was no owner or operator present while the body rub parlour was open for business as prescribed by Section 13.0 (3) g) of By-law 2-2001 as amended.

Please be advised that Section 7.0 (1) a), b) and c) state the following:

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Therefore, this is to advise you that pursuant to Section 7.0 of By-law 2-2001 as amended, your Body Rub Parlour license is suspended for a period of 15 days. The suspension shall take effect upon service of this notice.

Please note that you may appeal this decision to Council for the City of Vaughan by notifying the City Clerk in writing within 20 days of receipt of this letter.

Should you have further questions in this regard, please contact me at (905) 832-8504 extension 8694.



Geoff Gelfand
Licensing Officer
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