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'The board finds... that patrons of Nashville North are causing the negative effect on the lives of residents...in the village.'

—Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

Commission supports neighbours' complaints against Norval bar



Norval resident Pauline Gladstone holds a copy of an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario board decision that ruled Nashville North violated the Liquor Licence Act on several occasions in 2003. The commission, which controls the bar's liquor licence, has yet to decide on what penalty to impose upon the establishment. Photo by Ted Brown

Nashville North violated the Liquor Licence Act on several occasions and patrons to the Norval bar often left area residents "under siege", the Board of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has ruled.

In a decision released Monday, board members Kirsti Hunt and Bruce Monteith said the popular Norval establishment violated the Act on several occasions in 2003 by serving liquor to intoxicated patrons and allowing overcrowding—among other offences.

The board is not expected to make a decision for 4-6 weeks on what penalty it will impose on Nashville North. Penalties can include revoking, suspending or putting conditions on the bar's liquor licence.

The board found the bar violated the Liquor Licence Act in 2003 by having drunken patrons in the bar on nine dates, by serving liquor to several drunk patrons on six dates, allowing overcrowding on three dates, and not being in the public interest.

The board also said the bar was in violation of a section of the Act that says an applicant is entitled to a

liquor licence unless through prior conduct there's a belief he/she won't carry out business in accordance with the law and integrity and honesty.

The decision followed a five-day hearing in the summer after Nashville North was issued a notice of proposal to revoke its liquor licence last December, and then again twice in January 2004.

At the hearing, the board heard from several Norval residents who complained "of late-night noise from patrons and the establishment, rowdiness of drunken patrons, destruction of private and village property, litter and invasion of private property and homes."

"Residents feel they are under siege on the nights the premises are open by patrons who are being allowed to become drunk in the premises," said the board members in the decision.

"The Board finds that there may be some problems with youths drinking in the area of Norval, but the overwhelming evidence is that patrons of Nashville North are causing the negative effect on the lives of

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