

Stouffville pub has liquor licence back after LLBO found citric acid markers

Booze: they're making it, smuggling it, watering it down and then selling it, a spokesman for the Liquor Licence Control Board (LLBO) has reported.

Elizabeth Garel, LLBO communications officer, said illegal operators across Ontario are bootlegging liquor in every conceivable fashion and in unprecedented numbers.

Not only are government programs undermined by revenue losses, but licencees are struggling against the illegal advantage held by dishonest competitors, Garel pointed out.

Add concerns about public health and they have a crime that hurts us all, stated the LLBO officer.

The LLBO reported that bootleg booze accounts for about \$475 mil-

lion in lost provincial taxes annually. That's \$475 million that should be going to our hospitals, our schools, our roads - not into the pockets of criminals, LLBO

officials have stated. The LLBO takes issue with two types of illegal liquor: foreign products smuggled across the border and illegally manufac-

tured or homemade alcohol. On Aug. 14, a popular drinking spot in Stouffville had its liquor licence revoked by the LLBO.

Spyder Joe's will have its booze licence back on Sept. 12.

At Spyder Joe's, cheaper alcohol from the U.S.A. found its way into Canadian bottles, said Garel.

Traces of citric acid were found in five tested bottles taken from Spyder Joe's, Garel reported.

Doorknockers needed

Door-to-door canvassers are urgently needed for the September Arthritis Society's campaign.

The campaign goal for York Region, including Stouffville, has been set at \$195,000.

Officials of the local branch of the Arthritis Society are reminding everyone that close to four million Canadians have arthritis.

If you have a couple of hours to canvas your street in Stouffville call Chris at 640-5438 or call 508-5438.

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