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Notice of Liquor Licence Application



The following establishment has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence under the Liquor Licence Act:

Application For Additional Facilities
Amaretto Restaurant
67 Edward Street
Stouffville (indoor and outdoor area)

Any resident of the municipality may make written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than April 18, 1998. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person.

Note:
The AGCO gives the applicant details of any objections.

Submissions to be sent to:
Licensing and Registration Department
Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
55 Lake Shore Blvd. E., Toronto ON M5E 1A4
Fax: (416) 326-5555
E-mail at licensing@agco.on.ca

Job much more than just 'benchwarmer': MP

FRED SIMPSON
Metroland Staff

Oak Ridges MP Bryon Wilfert may be a new kid on the Parliament Block in Ottawa, but he's more than just a benchwarmer for his political bosses.

"If an MP's job was just to be a benchwarmer, you wouldn't really worry too much about who you voted in," he said.

The Liberal member for the new riding of Oak Ridges, which includes Whitchurch-Stouffville, was reacting to critical remarks made in a letter by Stephen Harper, president of the National Citizens' Coalition.

Harper was aiming his barbs mainly at Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who he accused of being "way offside when he recently whined about how he makes less money than the worst hockey player in the NHL."

But he also painted MPs in general as being "little more than benchwarmers for his/her political party" who are well-served by their current salary level.

It's those remarks that brought a rebuttal from Wilfert, who suspects the "writer of the letter has had little first-

hand knowledge of what goes on" in the daily life of a backbench politician.

A glamorous life it ain't, said Wilfert, although he enjoys every minute of it.

His average day begins at 7:15 a.m. when he arrives at his Parliament Block office, and ends 12 to 15 hours later, depending on how long Parliament sits or what other government activities he has to attend.

It finds him going over his agenda for the day, looking at various government or privately sponsored bills, reading and replying to letters from his constituents and others.

He also sits on a number of committees in between attending regular sessions of Parliament.

There are other times his day doesn't end until 8 or 9 p.m., but he doesn't "have any problems with the hours."

One of his longer sessions came recently when Parliament sat until 1 a.m. debating the government's



WILFERT

response to the United States-Iraq crisis.

"I'm also always writing letters dealing with various government matters," said Wilfert. "My role is to make sure my constituents are informed about what the government is doing."

Wilfert is also anything but a "yes man" when it comes to criticizing government policy.

For example, he is less than enthu-

siastic about his government's plans for handling any budget surplus.

He thinks the bulk of any surplus should be directed to the debt, now at \$585 billion.

"We still have that debt and until that's reduced, we don't have the flexibility to do the things we want to do," he said.

Wilfert also shrugs off any suggestion that the role of a backbencher is to serve mainly as a "cheerleader" for the prime minister.

As chairperson for the National Liberal Municipal Affairs caucus, he regularly entertains issues raised by municipalities and brings them to the attention of the various department ministers and to the prime minister.

"Every week, I have the opportunity to address certain matters directly with the prime minister," added Wilfert. "And he listens."

There may be a perception that Chretien demands his caucus toe the party line, leaving backbenchers with little power, but Wilfert says that's just plain wrong.

He believes backbenchers have an impact on the government.

"On a number of occasions, I and others have suggested changes to some particular piece of legislation before it is passed and it has been done," he said.

He adds that the prime minister encourages MPs to speak out, "but only asks that they do it within the confines of the caucus, which is where it should be done."

This is in direct contrast to the route taken by Liberal MP John Nunziata, who was expelled from the caucus because he refused to support a budget that didn't keep Chretien's promise to scrap the GST.

"Nunziata voted against the budget, which is the most important piece of legislation a government brings down," said Wilfert.

"I will express my viewpoint on a government policy but, after that, whatever direction the government eventually goes, I will be supporting it."

York Region

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
WOODBINE AVENUE (Y.R. 8)
FROM 16TH AVENUE (Y.R. 73)
TO MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE (Y.R. 25)
TOWN OF MARKHAM

The Environmental Study Report (ESR) recommends the widening of this section of Woodbine Avenue to five lanes to provide sufficient capacity for future traffic growth. Additional turning lanes will be provided at major intersections.

The Regional Municipality of York is planning this project under Schedule "C" in accordance with the **Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects**. The ESR has been completed and by this Notice is being placed in the public record for review. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Regional Municipality of York intends to proceed with the construction of the project.

The ESR is available for review at the following locations:

York Region Clerk's Department 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1	Town of Markham Clerk's Department 101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3
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Mon.-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Unionville Library
15 Library Lane
Markham, ON L3R 5C4
Mon. to Thurs. 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Further information may be obtained from the Project Manager, Mr. Peter Cholewa, P.Eng. at (905) 895-1200 ext. 5048.

If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person may request that the Minister of Environment "bump-up" this project to an individual environmental assessment. A "bump-up" request must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice.

Minister of Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue, 15th Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

A copy of the "bump-up" request shall be sent to:
Mr. K. Schipper, P. Eng.
Commissioner of Transportation & Works
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

If there is no "bump-up" request received by April 17, 1998, the widening of Woodbine Avenue will proceed to construction as outlined in the ESR.

This Notice issued March 11, 1998.

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