

Tryst principal owned Chippewa club shut down by Buffalo Police

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File photo of Tryst Gentleman's Club.

CHEEKTOWAGA – One of the four people listed on the liquor license for Tryst Gentleman’s Club operated a Chippewa Street nightclub which was shut down last year by the City of Buffalo following a stabbing inside the club.

Cheektowaga Chronicle has learned that Christian R. Battaglia, of Derby, operated 4Play Nightclub at 45 W. Chippewa Street under Crazy Horse Spirits, Inc.

The City of Buffalo shut down 4Play Nightclub last October after a person was stabbed during a fight inside the club. City officials said the club was the site of several fights and assaults over a five-month period and the stabbing was the last straw according to a [WIVB-TV news report](#).

A 1974 law allows the City of Buffalo mayor to close any establishment serving alcohol if the establishment is a threat to the preservation of peace. The Town of Cheektowaga does not have a law like that currently, but that may soon change according to Chief of Police David Zack.

“We are exploring that ordinance seeing how we can make it fit in our community,” said Chief Zack.

The chief says the police department is working with an attorney to develop a law that can be presented to the town council for their consideration.

“That is certainly going to be a part of the toolkit moving forward,” added Chief Zack.

Without an enforceable law, the town’s only recourse is to wait for the state liquor authority to rule on an establishment’s license. Councilmember Christine Adamczyk chairs the town’s public safety committee and she tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that she’ll meet with the police chief to discuss the matter further.

“We need to step in and do something to make the community over there safer – whatever it takes,” said Ms. Adamczyk.

Mr. Battaglia could not be reached for comment at the time of publication Wednesday. His cell phone goes right to voicemail and a text message has not been returned. A voice message left for an attorney who represented him during liquor authority inquires last year was also not returned.