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Rap's

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Located in the middle of Little Jamaica, Rap's has been serving authentic Jamaican cuisine for over 30 years.

Rap's comes from owner Horace Rose's own name - it's his middle name, and his nickname among his friends.

It's one of the most popular spots in Toronto for jerk chicken, and regulars know that the best time to go is 6pm. because that's when the chicken is freshly smoked on the drums just outside of the restaurant, right on Eglinton Avenue.

For more adventurous palates, Rap's also serves curry goat and curry oxtail.

"This place is almost 24 hours," says Lucy, a long-time employee. "We are open until 6 a.m. on the weekends, so young people come after their parties."

Rap's typical clientele is made of regulars, who have been supporting him and his business over the past 30 years. Customers are multi-generational and loyal, and visit even after they've moved far away.

"This place is the only place I've ever had jerk chicken," one regular customer says.

Recently a participant on Restaurant Makeover, Rap's appears modern and fresh. With only four tables, it continues to be primarily a take-out spot.

"The owner has a music background and is connected to many reggae artists," explains Lucy. "So, we get all kinds of performers come in after shows."

When asked whether the spiciness in the recipe had to be toned down to cater to Canadian tastes, Lucy says no. "Jerk is more about the flavour rather than the spice."

