Revocation of Liquor License - Meow Nightclub - 1926 Lakeshore Boulevard (High Park)

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, amended this Clause, by adding thereto the following:

"It is further recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all steps necessary to seek an interim suspension of the liquor licence for the Meow Nightclub, and be authorized to appear at any necessary hearings in connection therewith.")

The Toronto Community Council recommends the adoption of the following motion by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski:

"WHEREAS the operation of the Meow nightclub at 1900 Lakeshore Boulevard has caused numerous problems in the neighbouring community; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has ordered the operators of the nightclub to comply with the zoning which prohibits an entertainment facility; and

WHEREAS the operators have failed to comply; and

WHEREAS the liquor license granted July 21, 1999 specifically requires the operators to comply with City zoning by-laws; and

WHEREAS local residents have requested that the liquor license be revoked and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission is actively considering this request; and

WHEREAS the licensees have applied for a new liquor license for an additional capacity of 968 seats; and

WHEREAS it is not in the public interest for the current liquor license to continue or for an expanded license to be issued;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council declare that the continuation or expansion of the liquor license for Meow, located at 1926 Lakeshore Boulevard is not in the public interest;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Solicitor be instructed to attend any hearing called by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to defend the City's position, and to take any other legal measures to defend the City's interests in defending its zoning.