

MOTION**Liquor Licence – Hotel on Queen – 335 Queen St. W.****Moved by: Councillor Vaughan** _____**SUMMARY:**

Hotel on Queen Inc. submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) on September 4th 2009 for the premises located at 335 Queen Street West under the name of “Hotel on Queen” (“Premises”). The Premises is currently under construction as a new 19-room hotel with a licenced restaurant at grade and a rooftop patio. The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 70 for the main floor restaurant, 20 for the basement private dining room and 70 for the rooftop patio.

The Premises is located in the City’s downtown core amongst a concentrated mix of retail, restaurant, office as well as residential uses. Area residents are concerned that the issuance of the liquor licence as requested will result in increased problems in the area related to noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting, litter and other disturbances to residents living in the area, in particular as a result of the rooftop patio.

This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions which address the concerns of the community are attached to the licence, particularly with regard to the large rooftop patio. Under no circumstances should a liquor sales licence be granted which would permit liquor sales to the public, other than residents/guests of the hotel, on the outdoor patio.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) that the liquor licence applications for the premises at 335 Queen Street West, to operate under the name of “Hotel on Queen” (“Premises”) is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.
2. That City Council request the AGCO to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.
3. That the City Solicitor be authorized to attend all proceedings before the AGCO in this matter and be directed to take all necessary actions to as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting and litter.