

**Councillor Adam Vaughan 魏德方**

Toronto City Council  
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

April 21, 2011

Toronto and East York Community Council  
100 Queen St W  
Toronto M5H 2N2

**Re: Liquor Licence - 487 Adelaide Street West – Spirit House  
Licence No. 814918**

Dear Chair and Members,

2266880 Ontario Inc. has submitted an application for a new liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a premises at 487 Adelaide Street West operating under the name Spirit House (the “Premises”). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 119 patrons. Currently the Premises operates as a bartender school during the day, and it is proposed that the Premises will operate as a restaurant/bar in the evenings.

The Premises is located near the City’s entertainment district, and there are residential units located in close proximity. The application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. Even though the Premises has applied to the AGCO as a restaurant, given its proximity to the City’s Entertainment District the community has concerns that it may also operate in the future as a night club. The Premises is located adjacent to a residential area, and impacts associated with a night club use may impact neighbouring residents.

This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. Given the large capacity being sought for the Premises, under no circumstance should a liquor sales licence be granted at the Premises without appropriate conditions attached.

**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 application for Spirit House, 487 Adelaide Street West (the “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.



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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 so 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.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan  
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina

