

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 - 69 Bathurst Street – Sixty-9 Bathurst
Licence No. 800327**

Dear Chair and Members,

2262760 Ontario Inc. has submitted an application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) to transfer the liquor licence and to expand the indoor capacity for the liquor licence for a premises at 69 Bathurst Street operating under the name Sixty-9 Bathurst (the “Premises”). The licence is currently held by the landlord Ledbury Investments Ltd. The applicant is seeking an expansion of the indoor capacity from 330 patrons to 621 patrons. The Premises currently has a licence for an outdoor patio with a capacity of 86 patrons, though an increase to the outdoor capacity is not being sought by the applicant. The Premises will operate as a nightclub.

The Premises is located near residential condominiums and residents have been impacted by previous night clubs that have operated at this location in the past. In 2001 the liquor licence for the Premises was suspended for overcrowding while operating under the name Studio 69. Area residents are concerned that any licensed establishment which has a history of problems for past licensees may lead to problems in the future, especially when considering the large capacity increase being sought by the applicant. The resident’s concerns relate in particular to noise, litter, safety and security, drug use, and other disturbances to residents in the area.

The application to expand the liquor licence is not in the public interest unless conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. The Premises is located adjacent to a residential area, and impacts associated with a night club use may impact neighbouring residents. Given the large capacity being sought for the Premises, under no circumstance should an expansion of the 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 to expand the indoor capacity for Sixty-9 Bathurst, located at 69 Bathurst Street (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 expansion application.



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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 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

