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TO: Toronto and East York Community Council

FROM: Councillor Pam McConnell

RE: Request by Maple Leaf Square to use York Street and Bremner Blvd. Walkways for Restaurant Patios

DATE: April 21, 2011

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## Recommendations

1. City Legal staff, in consultation with Planning staff, be requested to report to the May 17, 2011 meeting of Council on the request by Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment ("MLSE") to permit two patios at Maple Leaf Square for two restaurants, one adjacent to Bremner Blvd. (the "Bremner Patio") and one adjacent to York Street (the "York Patio") (collectively, the "Patios").
2. The local Councillor be requested to consult with the local community, City Staff and MLSE to discuss the request and determine such conditions as may be appropriate, including but not limited to:
  - (a) a \$100,000 payment as an alternative amenity in the form of a payment for improvements to local parkland and streetscape improvements; and
  - (b) a requirement that MLSE pursue the permission of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for an alternative patio location on York Street for the York Patio, where such patio is located adjacent to the existing planter and permits a weather protected pedestrian walkway; and
  - (c) that this consultation also include discussion of conditions such as patio width, length of the patio season, permanency of any structure erected, and the number of seasons that this agreement would be in effect.

## Background

This motion is to request City Staff to report upon a request by MLSE, part owner of Maple Leaf Square at 15 York Street, for permission to locate two patios within areas designated as walkways on Bremner Blvd. and York Street. MLSE is hopeful that it could open the Patios for

business as soon as possible this summer but the site specific zoning by-law, the approved site plan and the development Agreement (the "Section 16 Agreement") for Maple Leaf Square require pedestrian walkways in the location of the Patios. MLSE has therefore requested, by letter dated April 19, 2011, to the City Legal Department, support for amendments to the site plan and Section 16 Agreement and variances to the existing zoning to permit the Patios. MLSE and the Ward Councillor are in discussions regarding an alternative amenity, as well as the details of the Patio operations and related matters.

Sincerely,

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