

Councillor Adam Vaughan 魏德方

Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

September 6, 2012

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence – 569 King Street West – 2 Cats, Licence No. 809671

1507342 Ontario Inc. has submitted an application for increased capacity to a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a premises at 569 King Street West operating under the name 2 Cats (the “Premises”). The applicant is seeking an increase in capacity from 100 to 242 patrons.

The Premises currently operates as a nightclub and is located in close proximity to residential units. The applicant recently received a variance from the Committee of Adjustment to permit the expansion of the nightclub use into the abutting property at 571 King Street West that will more than double the existing capacity. The City has received complaints from area residents about noise and other impacts emanating from the Premises and other nightclubs located in the immediate area. Several conditions are currently attached to this liquor licence, however these conditions relate to mitigation measures for impacts from a potential outdoor licenced area that was never opened or licenced by the AGCO. Additional conditions are required to limit current and future impacts on residents living in the area caused by the indoor licenced area and its operation as a nightclub. This application for an increased capacity to the liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain additional conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) that the application for increased capacity to the liquor licence for 2 Cats, 569 King 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 Licence Appeal Tribunal (“LAT”) 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 LAT 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina

