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Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

Chair and Members
Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen St W
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Dear Chair and Members:

**NEW BUSINESS REQUEST: Liquor Licence Application— 350 King Street West
TIFF Bell Lightbox, Licence No. 816703**

Toronto International Film Festival Inc. has submitted an application for a new liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a premises located at 350 King Street West operating as the TIFF Bell Lightbox (the “Premises”). The application is for a capacity of 2915 patrons indoors and 15 outdoors. The proposed licenced areas of the Premises include the concession areas that serve food and beverages for regular film screenings, and the gallery, lobby, and atrium spaces that are used for corporate hosting and receptions. The applicant has also submitted an application to the AGCO to have licence number 814462 transferred to them. This licence is for two restaurants currently operating in the Premises, Artists Lounge and Bell Blue Room, operated by Oliver Bonacini and the Festival Centre. The deadline to file an objection to the new application is April 27, 2014.

The Premises is located in the City’s entertainment district among a large concentration of night clubs and other licenced establishments. Even though the proposed new licenced areas operate as a theatre, festival centre, and reception venue, area residents are concerned that adding a new large licenced establishment to an area that already contains numerous large licenced establishments may increase impacts on residents living in the area. This includes the residents that are currently living on the upper floors of the Premises. The concerns relate in particular to noise, litter, safety and security, and other disturbances to residents in the area.

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 it be granted a liquor sales licence without 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 the TIFF Bell Lightbox, 350 King Street West (“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 unless appropriate conditions relating to noise, litter, safety and security, and other disturbances to residents, are attached to the liquor licence.
2. That City Council request the AGCO or 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 AGCO or 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.

Sincerely,

Councillor Adam Vaughan
Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina

