April 27, 2010

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence- 333 King Street West- Paese Ristorante

Paese Ristorante King St. Ltd. has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for the premises at 333 King Street West to operate under the name of Paese Ristorante (“Premises”). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 95 for the main floor and 10 for the patio.

The Premises are located in the City’s entertainment district among a large concentration of night clubs. Area residents are concerned that more licensed establishments can only lead to an increase in problems in the future. Their concerns relate in particular to noise, litter, safety and security, and other disturbances to residents in the area. Concerns about the effects of the outdoor patio on the neighbourhood include noise, litter, rowdiness, loitering and public safety.

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.

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 Paese Ristorante, 333 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.

2. That City Council request the AGCO to provide the City with an opportunity to be made a party to 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
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