Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario Hearing in respect of 1346 Queen Street West – by Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.

Recommendations
Councillor Gord Perks, second by Councillor Shelley Carroll recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the “AGCO”) that the issuance of a liquor licence for the Kanji Sushi at 1346 Queen Street West, (the “Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents unless conditions are placed on the licence and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.

2. City Council request the AGCO to provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises; and

3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the AGCO in this matter and direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises.

Summary
Kanji Sushi has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for the premises at 1346 Queen Street West to operate under the name of Kanji Sushi (“Premises”). This Motion requests that City Council advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the “AGCO”) that 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.

This establishment is located in close proximity to residential units. There are concerns in the
community that an establishment with a liquor licence can cause noise and disturbance to residents in the area. If conditions are put in place, these concerns may be mitigated. Under no circumstance should the establishment be granted a liquor sales license without conditions attached.

The AGCO Hearing has been scheduled for April 1, 2011.

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