December 9, 2010

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

Dear Chair and Members,

**Re: Liquor Licence- 128 Peter Street, Abode Lounge**

An application for a new liquor licence has been made for the premises at 128 Peter Street, to be operated under the name of “Abode Lounge” (the “Premises”). This Motion requests that Toronto and East York Community Council recommend 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 license.

This proposed establishment may have a capacity of up to 470 people. It is located in close proximity to residential units. The Premises has been operating by way of Special Occasion Permits in the course of the last year, and there have been complaints related to noise and litter from the immediate neighbours of the Premises. There are concerns in the community that the proposed club will 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.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

1) Toronto and East York Community Council recommend that 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 Abode Lounge at 128 Peter Street (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) Toronto and East York Community Council recommend to City Council that the AGCO be requested to provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to be made a party to any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

3) Toronto and East York Community Council recommend to City Council 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 conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address the issues as set out above including but not limited to noise, safety, signage, lighting and litter.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor
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