

January 13, 2011

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

Dear Chair and Members,

**Re: Liquor Licence- 184 Pearl Street (14 Duncan Street) – Tequila Jack’s  
(formerly Piccadilly Circus) – Licence No. 804032**

182341 Ontario Inc. has submitted an application for a new liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a premises at 184 Pearl Street, (a convenience address for 14 Duncan Street), operating under the name of Tequila Jack’s (the “Premises”). The Premises formerly operated as Piccadilly Circus. The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 650.

The Premises is one of three licenced establishments located in the building known municipally as 14 Duncan Street and there is a history of *Liquor Licence Act* violations at all three. The liquor licence for the Premises was suspended in 1996 and then revoked in 1999 when it operated as Venus the Nightclub in, as a result of several Liquor Licence Act violations. The licence was suspended in 2001 when the Premises operated as the Eleventh Hour because of overcrowding. Most recently, the licence was suspended in 2005 and 2007 while operating under the name Piccadilly Circus. Both of these suspensions resulted from serving underage patrons and allowing drunken patrons in the Premises.

The Premises is located in the City’s entertainment district among a large concentration of night clubs. Area residents are concerned that any licensed establishment which has a history of problems for past licensees can only lead to problems in the future. Their 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 Tequila Jack’s, 184 Pearl Street, convenience address for 14 Duncan Street (“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 participate in 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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