Jan 24, 2011

Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen St West
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Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence Application- 875 Bloor Street West, operating as Lambadina Resto Lounge

SUMMARY:

Kifle Lissanu has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") for the establishment at 875 Bloor St West, to operate under the name of Lambadina Resto Lounge (the "Premises"). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for the restaurant lounge for a capacity of 147.

The Premises backs onto residential units and has a long-standing history of unaddressed issues that have had serious impact on the daily lives of area residents. These resident issues relate to noise levels, littering, loitering and safety and security.

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 past history at 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 Register of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") that the liquor licence application for Lambadina Resto Lounge, 875 Bloor St W. ("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 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, litter and safety and security.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Layton
City Councillor
Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina