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Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

September 8, 2011

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

Dear Chair and Members,

NEW BUSINESS: Liquor Licence
639 Queen St W – The Burroughes, License 815052

SUMMARY:

Perry Lane Inc. has submitted an application for a new liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a premises at 639 Queen Street West operating under the name The Burroughes (the “Premises”). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 295 patrons indoors, and 140 patrons on a rooftop patio. It is proposed that the Premises will operate as a Banquet Hall.

The Premises is located in close proximity to residential units. Therefore, the application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. The application is for a large indoor capacity of 295 patrons and includes a rooftop patio with a capacity of 140 patrons. Given that problems already exist with licenced establishments on this part of Queen Street West, as well as problems from rooftop patios in this neighbourhood, impacts associated with the proposed licence may adversely affect neighbouring residents.

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 and the inclusion of a proposed rooftop patio, under no circumstance should a liquor sales licence be granted at the Premises without appropriate conditions attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Toronto and East York Community Council request that:

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 The Burroughes, 639 Queen Street West (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.



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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 Licence Appeal Tribunal 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,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina

