Dear Chair and Members,

NEW BUSINESS: Liquor Licence Application
481 Bloor Street West- Ye Olde Brunswick House

1634168 Ontario Inc. (“Licensee”) has made an application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for additional indoor capacity for the premises located at 481 Bloor Street West, carrying on business as Ye Olde Brunswick House (“Premises”). The application is for an increase in the indoor capacity from 502 persons to 600 persons.

There have been numerous complaints about the Premises from residents in the area. Complaints range from public drunkenness, public urination, vandalism, theft, noise and trespassing. Residents in the area are concerned for their safety because of what they perceive to be an increase in violence and vandalism.

There have been a number of charges laid against the Licensee of the Premises including licensing and noise infractions.

The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Refuse the liquor licence application. Issues including, but not limited to, security, crowd control, noise, litter, vandalism and safety of the patrons, public and staff must be addressed. This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest and should be refused.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

[1] That City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the liquor licence application for an increase in indoor capacity from 502 persons to 600 persons for Ye Olde Brunswick House, 481 Bloor Street West (“Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, given there have been numerous complaints about the Premises from residents in the area including public drunkenness, public urination, vandalism, theft, noise and trespassing, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Refuse the liquor licence application.
[2] That City Council request the Licence Appeal Tribunal ("LAT") to provide the City with an opportunity to be made a party to any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

[3] That the City Solicitor be authorized to attend all proceedings before the LAT in this matter and be authorized to take all necessary action so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding conditions to any liquor licence, in consultation with the ward councillor, should a liquor licence be issued for the Premises.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina