July 8, 2011

Dear Mayor Ford and members of City Council,

Based on our neighborhood’s rich history participating in and celebrating the arts, the Queen St. West Business Improvement Area (BIA) is partnering again with curator Earl Miller to present its third annual all-night site-specific art exhibition titled “Out of Site: Contemporary Art Works on Queen St. West”. The exhibition, Out of Site, is running from 6:59 pm on Saturday, October 1st to 7 am on Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 on Queen St. West, between Simcoe and Bathurst Streets. Earl Miller is planning a program including performances, installations in stores as well as on the street by significant Canadian artists. Once again, our members will also be encouraged to create art windows of their own for the event. The exhibition highlights both the creativity and history of the vibrant Queen St. West neighbourhood.

The BIA is looking to designate this festival an event of municipal significance. On behalf of the businesses listed below we are applying to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for an extension of hours (for the sale and service of alcohol) from 2-4 am on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The extension of hours in our BIA allows those celebrating in our BIA to visit a number of establishments and to take a break during their participation in the event.

It would be beneficial to both the Public and to our local small businesses for the extension to be granted. Throughout the event people will be walking along the street and it would be safer and more fun to be a part of the extended business hours.

Queen Mother Café, 208 Queen St. West
Korean Grill House, 214 Queen St. West
Everest Restaurant, 232 Queen St. West
Café Crepe, 246 Queen St. West
The Rivoli, 334 Queen St. West
BQM Diner, 354 Queen St. West
The Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St. West
The Cameron House, 408 Queen St. West
Tortilla Flats, 458 Queen St. West
Barchef, Queen St. West, 472 Queen St. West
The Hideout, 484 Queen St. West
Arep Café, 490 Queen St. West
La Palette, 492 Queen St. West
Velvet Underground, 510 Queen St. West
Tequila Bookworm, 512 Queen St. West
Shanghai Cowgirl, 538 Queen St. West
Bovine Club, 542 Queen St. West
Nocturne, 550 Queen St. West
Hot Wings Grill and Rib House, 563 Queen St. West
416 Snack Bar, 181 Bathurst Street

Sincerely,

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