January 4, 2011

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

Dear Chair and Members,

NEW BUSINESS: Liquor Licence Application, Strada 241, 241 Spadina Ave, Unit 2, File 815287

SUMMARY:

2299366 Ontario Inc. ("Licensee") has made an application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") for a liquor licence for the premises located at 241 Spadina Avenue, Unit 2, carrying on business as Strada 241 ("Premises"). The application is for an indoor capacity of 213 persons.

Area residents have contacted my office expressing concerns about these Premises operating as a bar rather than a restaurant. Other concerns received deal with deliveries to the Premises and garbage management, particularly in the rear laneway.

The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application. Issues including, but not limited to, security, crowd control, noise, litter 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 reviewed.

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 Strada 241, 241 Spadina Avenue, Unit 2 ("Premises"), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents given that there have been concerns raised by the residents that the Premises operate more like a bar than a restaurant. Other issues such as security, crowd control, noise, litter and safety of the patrons, public and staff must be addressed and the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review 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 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