



May 14, 2012
Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen St W
Toronto M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence Application - 650 ½ Queen Street West, operating as North of Brooklyn Pizzeria

SUMMARY:

La Copa ("Licensee") has made an application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") for a liquor licence for the premises located at 650 ½ Queen Street West, carrying on business as North of Brooklyn Pizzeria ("Premises").

Area residents have contacted my office expressing concerns about these Premises. Their concerns relate to noise, litter, safety, security and other potential disturbances to residents in the area.

The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application. Issues including, but not limited to noise, litter, safety and security must be addressed. This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest and should be reviewed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the liquor licence application for North of Brooklyn Pizzeria, 650 ½ Queen Street West ("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 such as noise, litter, safety and security. The Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.
2. 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. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before LAT in this matter and 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.

Sincerely,

Mike Layton
City Councillor
Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina