September 5, 2012

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Councillor Gord Perks

RE: AGCO Liquor Licence Application -1718 Queen Street West

SUMMARY:

GO Lounge has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) for the premises at 1718 Queen Street West. This Motion requests that Toronto and East York Community Council recommend that City Council advise the AGCO that 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.

There are concerns from community members that establishments with liquor licences in the Parkdale community do cause excessive noise and disturbance to residents in the area. If conditions are put in place, these concerns may be mitigated. Under no circumstance should the establishment be granted a liquor sales license without conditions attached.
RECOMMENDATIONS:

That:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) that the issuance of a liquor licence for GO Lounge at 1718 Queen Street West is not in the public interest unless conditions are placed on the licence, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.

2. City Council request the AGCO to provide the City of Toronto with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the AGCO in this matter and to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this motion, including adding conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises.

Thank you for your support,

Gord Perks
City Councillor, Ward 14 Parkdale – High Park