September 6, 2012

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence Application- 335 Queen Street West – The Beverly, Licence No. 240349

1874342 Ontario Inc. (“Licensee”) has made an application (File No. 240349) to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a liquor licence for the premises located at 335 Queen Street West, operating as The Beverly (“Premises”). The application is for a restaurant with a proposed capacity of 160 persons broken down as follows: 70 on the main floor, 20 in the basement and 70 on the rooftop outdoor patio.

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. These Premises are in close proximity to residences and it proposes to have a large patio on the roof. These issues must be addressed. The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application as it is not in the public interest.

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 335 Queen Street West, operating as The Beverly (“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 as well as a rooftop outdoor patio. 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 or deleting 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