Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Sidewalk Boulevard Vending Permit, 355 Front St W, south side of Front St W, 10.3 m west of Blue Jays Way

In 1999 a vending permit was issued to Vasiliki Vrentas to operate a sidewalk boulevard vending cart to sell hot dogs, sausages and cold drinks 355 Front St W, south side of Front St W, 10.3 m west of Blue Jays Way. The vendor’s license has been temporarily suspended to allow for construction-related scaffolding at this corner which occupies the sidewalk at the vending location. The vendor will be permitted to operate again at this location in early 2013.

As an interim measure, the vendor would like to be granted consideration to use the north-east or north-west corner of Front St W and Blue Jays Way to operate his vending cart during baseball and football games. Allowing the vendor to use one of these corners on a short-term basis would help support his livelihood until the scaffolding is removed, at which time he would return to his original location. I would like this vendor to be allowed the opportunity to file an application to use the north-east or north-west corner to operate his cart while the scaffolding is in place, until the end of the 2012 football season on November 25, 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Direct that the applicant for the sidewalk boulevard vending permit location at 355 Front St W, south side of Front St W, 10.3 m west of Blue Jays way be relocated temporarily subject to an application being submitted, to the the north east or north west corner as an alternative location until November 25, 2012, and only during football and baseball games.

2. Grant an exemption from the existing vending moratorium within Wards 20, 27, and 28 to allow for an application from the vendor at 355 Front St W, south side of Front St W, 10.3 meters west of Blue Jays Way to be submitted for relocation to the north-east or north-west corner as an alternative location until November 25, 2012, and only during football and baseball games.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council direct Municipal Licensing and Standards to issue a permit to the vendor for either the north-east or north-west corner of Blue Jays Way and Front Street West during the period when he is prevented from vending in his regular spot by construction-related activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina