Councillor Adam Vaughan

January 18, 2013

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence Application – The Spoke Club, 600 King Street West – Licence No. 810758

Summary:

The Spoke Club Inc. (“Licensee”) has submitted an application (File No. 810758) for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a premises at 600 King Street West operating under the name The Spoke Club (“Premises”). The application is for additional indoor capacity of 221 persons. The additional capacity would be located in a new dining area on the second floor of the Premises.

The Premises is located in close proximity to residences. Noise from the Premises has been disturbing area residents, some of whom have complained to the Ward Councillor's office. This application for an expanded liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. Issues that must be addressed include, but are not limited to, noise, public safety, litter, lighting and potential disturbances to residents in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) that the liquor licence application for 600 King Street West, operating as The Spoke Club (the “Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents because of their concerns about public safety, noise, litter and other disturbances, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to refuse 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 in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the LAT in this matter and be directed to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting and litter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina