January 18, 2013

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence Application – Amsterdam Brewery and Restaurant,
245 Queens Quay West – Licence No. 21046

2198058 Ontario Limited (“Licensee”) has made an application (File No. 21046) to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a liquor licence for the premises at 245 Queens Quay West, operating as the Amsterdam Brewery and Restaurant (“Premises”). The application is for a restaurant/pub with a proposed indoor capacity of 580 persons (400 on the main floor and 180 on the second floor/mezzanine), and a proposed outdoor capacity of 460 persons (83 on the north side patio and 377 on the south and west side patio).

The Premises is located in close proximity to residences and a hotel and may impact these neighbouring residents. The residents' concerns relate to noise, litter, safety and other potential disturbances.

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. Issues that must be addressed include, but are not limited to, safety of the public, noise, litter, lighting and potential disturbances to residents in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Toronto and East York Community Council recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“Registrar”) that the liquor licence application for 245 Queens Quay West, operating as the Amsterdam Brewery and Restaurant (“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 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 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