January 18, 2013

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence Application – Aruba Bar and Lounge, 301 Spadina Avenue, Basement Licence No. 813603

1882313 Ontario Inc. (“Licensee”) has made an application (File No. 813603) to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a liquor licence for the premises in the basement of 301 Spadina Avenue, operating as Aruba Bar and Lounge (“Premises”). The application is for a lounge with a proposed indoor capacity of 147 persons.

The Premises is located in close proximity to residences and there are concerns about this establishment’s potential impact on these 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 the basement of 301 Spadina Avenue, operating as Aruba Bar and Lounge (“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 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, 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