April 5th, 2013,

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence – 2072 Dundas Street West – Bell Jar Café - Licence No. 816023

The owner has submitted an application for a new liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a premises at 2072 Dundas Street West operating under the name Bell Jar Café. The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 39 patrons (25 indoor and 14 outdoor).

The Premises is located in the Roncesvalles/Dundas Street West area, and there are residential units located in close proximity. There are concerns from community members that current establishments with liquor licences in the community impact area residents. Impacts relate in particular to noise, litter, safety and other disturbances. When conditions are placed on the licence, these impacts may be mitigated.

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. Under no circumstance should a liquor sales licence be granted at the Premises without appropriate conditions attached.

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 Bell Jar Café, 2072 Dundas Street West (the “Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents because of their concerns about noise, litter, safety and other potential disturbances, unless appropriate conditions are placed on the licence, and that 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 in 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 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, litter and safety.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gord Perks
City Councillor, Ward 14 – Parkdale High Park