MEMO

TO: Members, Toronto and East York Community Council
FROM: Councillor Ana Bailão, Ward 18 - Davenport
RE: Liquor Licence Application – Wise Bar, 1007 Bloor Street West - Licence No. 816556
DATE: February 25, 2014

SUMMARY:

2398902 Ontario Limited has made an application (File No. 816556) to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") for a liquor licence for the premises at 1007 Bloor Street West, operating as Wise Bar ("Premises"). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for an indoor capacity of 50 patrons and an outdoor capacity of 80 patrons.

The Premises is located in close proximity to residential properties. There is concern in the community that this new establishment will cause noise and other disturbances to residents in the area. If conditions are put in place, these concerns may be mitigated. As such, 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.

The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application as it is not in the public interest.

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 1007 Bloor West, operating as Wise Bar ("Premises") is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents because of their concerns about noise 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 cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting and litter.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão
City Councillor
Ward 18, Davenport