



April 4, 2016

**TO:** Chair and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council

**RE:** Transfer of Business License and Reinstatement of Outdoor Patio with accompanying liquor license at Porto Novo Restaurant - 1331 St. Clair Avenue West

**SUMMARY:**

St. Clair Avenue West is a vibrant commercial strip that has become the economic engine of the local neighbourhood. This community is fortunate to have attracted businesses that serve the diverse needs of the area, including restaurants, salons, boutiques, cafes, and medical offices. As you know, restaurants and eating establishments play a vital role in Toronto's success and contribute tremendously to the vitality and socio-economic sustainability of our City.

As the local City Councillor, I have worked in close partnership with the local Corso Italia Business Improvement Area (BIA), as we have collectively enhanced and beautified our streetscape by working diligently to rekindle the spirit and character of the local neighbourhood, which was severely impacted during the inordinately long and severely disruptive TTC Right-of-Way construction.

Mr. Manny Pinto, business operator of Porto Novo Restaurant, previously operated his successful business at 1474 St. Clair Ave West for many years, and is now actively revitalizing the new location that he will call home at 1331 St. Clair Avenue West. Manny's entrepreneurial vision, coupled with his excellent customer service, delectable cuisine and friendly hospitality helped contribute to the success and vitality of our dynamic community, and his new location will surely become a focal point in the neighbourhood along with a destination place for fine dining in Ward 17.

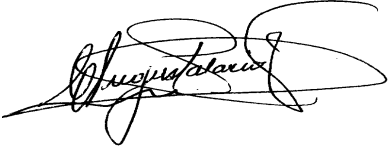
Torontonians can thank Corso Italia for bringing outdoor cafés to our summer city life. La Sem Patisserie & Café, previously located at 1331 St. Clair Avenue West, was the **first licensed outdoor café in the City of Toronto**. Despite the reluctance of city officials, local Alderman Joseph Picinninni convinced them to license the establishment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Etobicoke York Community Council recommends that:

- 1). The new owner obtain the required business license and apply for an accompanying café permit at 1331 ½ St. Clair Avenue West, notwithstanding the lapse in business operation, and permit the existing patio license extension.

- 2). Community Council **permit** café operating hours for the new business at 1331 ½ St. Clair Avenue West along the St. Clarens flankage from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. throughout the Euro Cup Soccer games to be held June 10, 2016 to July 10, 2016 inclusive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cesar Palacio', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Cesar Palacio  
Toronto City Councillor  
Ward 17 - Davenport