June 6, 2017

Toronto and East York Community Council
Committee Room 1
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Boulevard Café Permit Renewal Located at 25 Lower Simcoe Street, Units 2 – 5

At its meeting of May 10, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council approved the application for the proposed boulevard café permit located at 25 Lower Simcoe Street, Units 2-5 from the business owner representing 9195416 Canada Inc. operating as Lucky Clover Sports Pub with conditions related to hours of operation, as well as signage.


This annual Boulevard Café Permit is up for renewal on July 25, 2017, with July 25, 2017 being the end of the current permit term. Lower Simcoe Street is an important pedestrian corridor, linking Queens Quay and the Martin Goodman Trail with Union Station and the broader downtown.

In order to provide a contextually suitable pedestrian clearway, and taking into account pedestrian volumes associated with major events in the general area, it is recommended as a condition of any approved or renewed boulevard café permit which has a permit term commencing on or after July 25, 2017, that the café depth (the amount that the café extends out perpendicularly from the building onto the public sidewalk) be reduced by 1.21 metres, so that the revised café extends no further than 2.45 metres out from the face of the building. No changes to the length of the café – that portion which is parallel to the street - are proposed.

The reduced café area will result in a pedestrian clearway of 4 metres along this section of Lower Simcoe Street, in keeping with the Simcoe Street Pedestrian Promenade Plan, Queen Street West to Queens Quay West adopted, under delegated authority, by Toronto East York Community Council at its meeting of March 26, 2009.

Former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 313 – 36 Boulevard Cafes – Sub-section E(13) provides:

"(13) The owner or occupant agrees that the Council may at any time, without reason, cancel permission for the use of any portion of the boulevard for the cafe, after giving written notice to the owner or occupant and providing the owner or occupant with an opportunity to speak to the matter before the Committee."
Recommendation

1. Toronto and East York Community Council impose the following conditions on any Boulevard Café Permit approved or renewed for 25 Lower Simcoe Street, Units 2 – 5 with a permit term which commences on or after July 25, 2017:

a. The boulevard café shall close by 11:00 p.m. Sunday to Thursday nights; 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday (early Saturday and Sunday morning).

b. Signage shall be posted in a prominent location in the boulevard café to remind people to be considerate of the surrounding community.

c. The dimensions of the boulevard café will be no greater than 2.45 metres (for the northern and southern edges of the boulevard café, measured perpendicularly to the building face) x 24.59 metres (for the eastern and western edges of the boulevard café, measured parallel to Lower Simcoe Street), with a total area of no more than 60.25 square metres.

Sincerely,

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