



November 5, 2019

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

Dear Chair and Members,

**NEW BUSINESS REQUEST: AGCO Liquor Licence Application – 254 Lansdowne Avenue (Basement), File No. 725356**

**SUMMARY:**

The applicant has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“**AGCO**”) for the premises at 254 Lansdowne Avenue, operating under the name Bsmt 254 (“**Premises**”). The application is for an indoor capacity of 99 persons.

The Premises are located in close proximity to residential properties. There are concerns with respect to noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area.

This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless the concerns of the residents are addressed. The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Review or a Proposal to Refuse the liquor licence application.

The City needs to file its objection to the liquor licence application as soon as possible because there is a deadline and also to be able to participate in any hearing in this matter. It is urgent that Council consider this matter at this Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the liquor licence application for 254 Lansdowne Avenue, operating under the name Bsmt 254 (“**Premises**”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue either a Proposal to Review or a Proposal to Refuse 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 in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.



3. The City Solicitor be authorized to attend all proceedings before the LAT in this matter and be directed to take all necessary action so as to give effect to this motion, including determining whether the application ought to be refused outright or whether the application can be supported with conditions to the liquor licence, all in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ana Bailão  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillor – Ward 9, Davenport