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Re: 47 York St., Ottawa, File Number 21801, Application Number 302223

The Lowertown Community Association opposes the granting of an additional liquor licence to Luxe Bistro, 47 York Street in the ByWard Market. The requested additional 60 licenced seats would increase the licensed capacity of a very small urban area where the safety and security of residents and visitors alike is threatened. The community is concerned about the number of licensed seats and the resulting increase in associated problems including inebriated night time crowds, crime and related disturbance in the ByWard Market.

While crimes fell in Ottawa as a whole, the number of crimes in the ByWard Market area continues to increase, particularly crimes against persons. Residents feel unsafe because of the high level of intoxication. The increase in the number of license seats in the ByWard Market since 2008 as well as the concentration of those seats in a very small area is a great concern. In 2008, there were 17,000 licensed seats in the ByWard Market. There are now over 21,000 licensed seats within a few city blocks. This is a 24% increase. It is interesting to note that during the same time period crimes against persons in Lowertown have increased by 23% and assaults by 20%.

We therefore request that the ACGO turn down the liquor license application for additional licensed seats at 47 York Street to protect the safety, security and livability of the area.

Sincerely,



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Cc. Councillor Mathieu Fleury
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