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COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE: 2021 November 03

LLA#20-05

FROM:

DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 46000 06

Reference:

SUBJECT:

LIOUOR LICENCE APPLICATION #20-05

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

SCANDINAVIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

6540 THOMAS STREET (SEE ATTACHED SKETCHES #1 AND #2)

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with recommendations regarding the subject liquor primary

licence application.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT Council support the requested amendments to the subject liquor primary licence, as described in Sections 2.0 and 3.0 of this report.
- 2. THAT Council authorize the registration of a Section 219 Covenant, within 45 days of Council approval of this application, to record the new maximum person capacity and liquor service hours as outlined in Section 2.2 of this report.
- 3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the applicant, Carol Walters, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC V5B 4P9.
- 4. THAT following registration of the above noted Section 219 Covenant, a copy of this report be forwarded to the General Manager, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, P.O. Box 9292, Stn. Provincial Government, Victoria, BC V8W 9J8.

REPORT

1.0 POLICY FRAMEWORK

The subject liquor licence application aligns with the following City policies: Corporate Strategic Plan (2017), Official Community Plan (1998), Economic Development Strategy (2007), and Social Sustainability Strategy (2011).

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 On 2021 February 08, Council received a report on the subject liquor licence application to remove an existing indoor liquor service area and to increase the capacity of an existing outdoor patio liquor service area of an existing liquor primary club licence (Licence No. 115113), which currently licences five liquor service areas within the Scandinavian Community Centre building at 6540 Thomas Street.

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- 2.2 The existing licence permits liquor service on an outdoor patio (14 persons maximum) and four indoor areas within the building (260 persons maximum) for a total of 274 persons. The subject application proposes to remove one of the indoor service areas (40 persons maximum) as a liquor service area, and to expand the capacity of the outdoor patio liquor service area by 40 persons (from 14 persons to 54 persons). If approved, the total person capacity for the subject liquor licence establishment would remain the same. The current liquor service hours of 11:00 am 1:00 am Monday to Saturday and 11:00 am to Midnight on Sundays apply to all licensed areas and are not proposed to change.
- 2.3 The subject outdoor patio is attached to the rear (southern) elevation of the Scandinavian Community Centre building and is approximately 141 sq. m. (1,520 sq. ft.) in area. The patio was expanded in 2001 without permits and authorization from the City. The applicant has since submitted a required Preliminary Plan Approval (PPA) application and corresponding Building Permit application for the patio expansion.
- 2.4 The 2021 February 08 report to Council concluded that the requested amended licensed areas and were supportable, subject to gathering public input and providing a subsequent report on the application.

3.0 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 In line with Provincial requirements for local governments to gather the views of nearby residents, as part of their assessment of liquor licence applications, written notice was sent out to property owners and residents within a 30 m (98.43 ft.) distance of the subject site (with a total of six notices sent); advertisements were placed in two consecutive issues of the Burnaby Now newspaper; and signage was posted on the subject site, which invited respondents to submit written comments to the Planning and Building Department. The public notification process was held between February and March of 2021.
- 3.2 The Planning and Building Department did not receive any input from the public in response to the public notification process. Following the public notification process, the applicant continued to work with staff to provide the necessary documentation and materials for the required PPA and building permit applications for the existing expanded patio. As noted above, these applications have since been submitted by the applicant.
- 3.3 In the 2021 February 08 Council report, the proposed amendment was evaluated with respect to Council-adopted guidelines for Liquor Primary applications, and generally met those guidelines. Also in that report, comments were provided as per the Liquor and Cannabis Branch (LCRB) requirements on the impact of noise on nearby residents and the impact on the community if the application were to be approved.

Staff do not anticipate that the proposed licence amendment would have adverse impacts on nearby residents, given that the nearest residences are located beyond the Trans-Canada Highway. The applicant has noted that the Scandinavian Community Centre Society has held the subject liquor club licence for nearly 25 years with minimal issues and have not received noise or event-related complaints from adjacent properties in the past. Further, the RCMP has confirmed that they have no concerns about the proposed amendment.

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3.4 The establishment will also be required to comply with the Burnaby Noise or Sound Abatement Bylaw 1979, and it is further recommended that a Section 219 Covenant be registered on the property, within 45 days of Council approval of this application, to record the establishment's maximum person capacity and liquor service hours.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the information presented above, and as per the 2021 February 08 report to Council which assessed the application with respect to both Council-adopted guidelines for Liquor Licence Applications and LCRB criteria, staff recommend that Council support the amended liquor service areas for existing Liquor Primary Club Licence No. 115113, as discussed in Sections 2.0 and 3.0 of this report.

Staff recommend that a copy of this report be forwarded to the applicant. Staff also recommend that, following registration of the above noted Section 219 Covenant, a copy of this report be forwarded to the General Manager, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, P.O. Box 9292, Stn. Provincial Government, Victoria, BC V8W 9J8.

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Attachments

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City Solicitor City Clerk

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