

ITEM 19  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 31  
COUNCIL MEETING 90/04/30

RE: ENTERTAINMENT IN CLASS 'B' LIQUOR LICENCE ESTABLISHMENTS

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning & Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 APRIL 24

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &  
BUILDING INSPECTION

**SUBJECT: ENTERTAINMENT IN CLASS "B" LIQUOR  
LICENCE ESTABLISHMENTS**

PURPOSE: To inform Council of a change in the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regulations regarding entertainment in Class "B" liquor licence establishments.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT a copy of this report be sent to the General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch.

R E P O R T

On 1990 April 11, the Planning and Building Inspection Department received a copy of Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Circular #520, dated 1989 February 08, which concerned entertainment in Class "B" restaurant licensed establishments. The circular noted that the "B" category of licence was intended to be issued to establishments which are primarily engaged in the service of food. Some entertainment is permitted as a complement to the service of food, however, some "B" licences have strayed from this model by providing entertainment features, such as large dance floors, high volume speakers and disc jockey booths.

The effect of providing this form of entertainment has been that some restaurants have operated in a manner similar to Class "C" cabarets, which has led to more incidents of patrons being served liquor without food and complaints regarding noise from adjacent residents.

In response to the problem, the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch issued Circular #520 to re-define the branch policy on entertainment in restaurants, including establishing a number of standards to control the type and scale of entertainment permitted. For example, the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch established the maximum hours of sale for Class "B" restaurants with patron participation activities, such as "dine and dance", to be 12:00 midnight.

As part of the new regulations, local government approval is a pre-condition for Liquor Control and Licensing Branch consideration of entertainment in a restaurant. In response to this change in regulations, this report is submitted to establish a policy for processing such requests for local government approval for entertainment in restaurants.

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In consideration of the past practice of reporting to Council on all requests for local government approval or comments on liquor licence applications, and the impact Class "B" restaurants with significant entertainment features could have on adjacent neighbourhoods, this Department will, unless otherwise directed by Council, report to Council on all applications for local government approval for entertainment in restaurants.

In keeping with the standard processing procedure, the applicant will submit a liquor licence application to this Department, upon which comments will be sought from all pertinent Departments and agencies, including the R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment. In reviewing each application, staff will consider the type and scale of the proposed entertainment, the proposed location of the entertainment area as it relates to both potential noise problems affecting the surrounding area and its interaction with other sensitive land uses, the adjacent land uses and the general character of the surrounding area. Once staff have completed the review of the application, including consultation with other pertinent Departments, a report would be submitted to Council with a recommendation on the liquor licence application.

This is for the information of Council.

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