

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1991 JANUARY 08
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF OPERATING HOURS
HOLIDAY INN - STATION SQUARE
4405 CENTRAL BOULEVARD (REFER TO ATTACHED SKETCH)
LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION #10/90**

PURPOSE: To provide Council with a recommendation on a request for extension of operating hours for the subject liquor licence facility.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) **THAT** Council **NOT** give favourable consideration to the requested operating hours for the subject Class "A" liquor licence facility.
- 2) **THAT** a copy of this report and Council's resolution be forwarded to the General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, 1019 Wharf Street, Victoria, B.C. - V8V 1X4, and the applicant, Keith Tsukishima, Metrotown Hotel Inc., #700 - 1380 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C. - V6Z 2B7.

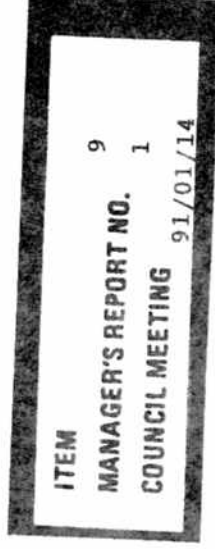
REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 The Planning and Building Inspection Department is in receipt of an application from Metrotown Hotel Inc. on behalf of the Holiday Inn at Station Square to change the operating hours of their 'Connections' Class "A" lounge on Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon - 2:00 a.m.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 2.1 The subject site is located within the adopted Metrotown Development Plan area and is developed in accordance with the adopted CD Comprehensive Development District zoning (based on C3 General Commercial District guidelines).
- 2.2 After considering two reports from the Director Planning and Building Inspection regarding the development of a policy on liquor licensing in Metrotown and the provision of a general set of guidelines for assessing liquor licence applications in Metrotown, on 1989 June 07, Council endorsed the goals and objectives relating to liquor establishments in Metrotown and adopted guidelines for staff to assess liquor licence applications in Metrotown, as noted in the 1989 May 10 Council report. A specific Council amendment to the guidelines established a latest closing hour for Class "A" liquor licence establishments in Metrotown of 1:00 a.m. Monday to Thursday, 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 12:00 midnight on Sunday.



- 2.3 Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regulations for Class "A" liquor licences state that:
- "subject to a limitation by the General Manager in the licence, hours of sale shall be a maximum of 14 hours between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. of the following day".
- 2.4 The subject Class "A" lounge has a maximum seating capacity of 225 persons and is currently licensed for the sale of liquor between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. Monday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on Sundays. These closing times coincide with the adopted guidelines.
- This report is submitted to Council in accordance with adopted processing procedure for liquor licence applications.

3.0 GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 3.1 The applicants claim that they are primarily asking for the later closing hour of 2:00 a.m. to dissuade clientele from leaving the subject liquor licence facility to travel to other establishments that are open later.
- 3.2 The guidelines for hours of operation in the liquor licensing in Metrotown report were derived through staff considering the overall objective of minimizing the negative impacts of liquor licence facilities on both residential areas and also the character and social fabric in Metrotown. Supporting this application to permit the Class "A" lounge within the Holiday Inn to remain open until 2:00 a.m. would not be supportive of the above objectives and would be in conflict with the adopted liquor licence guidelines for Metrotown.
- 3.3 The guidelines for hours of operation in the liquor licensing Metrotown report were also derived from a review of hours of operation of existing licences within the Municipality and were intended to meet the objective of consistency in Metrotown in order to prevent patrons from moving from one establishment to another as closing hours vary.

A recent review of the closing hours of Class "A" liquor licences revealed that of the 31 Class "A" liquor licence facilities in Burnaby, 21 close earlier than the Holiday Inn on Friday and Saturdays, while four other facilities also close at 1:30 a.m. Of the five remaining Class "A" liquor licences in Burnaby, three have a 2:00 a.m. closing time and two close at 1:45 a.m. Of these, one liquor licence is for a private club and one facility, (the Loughheed Hotel Class "A" lounge), was recently approved by Council to open earlier and close earlier at 1:00 a.m. Of these five remaining Class "A" liquor licences in Burnaby with closing times past 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, none are located in Metrotown.

Based on the above review and the balance of probabilities, permitting the subject liquor licence facility to remain open until 2:00 a.m. is more likely to encourage patrons of the other facilities which close at 1:00 a.m. or earlier to travel to the subject lounge. This appears to have a much higher degree of probability than patrons leaving the 'Connections' lounge in the Holiday Inn to continue drinking at other Class "A" liquor establishments.

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3.4 In response to this application, the Planning and Building Inspection Department has solicited input from all relevant staff and other Municipal Departments. The Social Planner for Metrotown has stated she would recommend against the extension in operating hours for the following reasons:

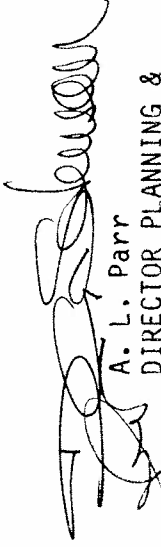
- 1) It would be contrary to the guidelines for liquor licence applications in Metrotown and exceptions can serve to undermine the effectiveness of the policy.
- 2) Later closing hours makes it less possible for all patrons to take public transit. SkyTrain service from Metrotown Station and most bus service from Metrotown transit exchange is discontinued after approximately 1:30 a.m.
- 3) Contrary to the proponent's argument, extended hours may draw patrons from other liquor establishments in Metrotown and Burnaby.

4.0 CONCLUSION:

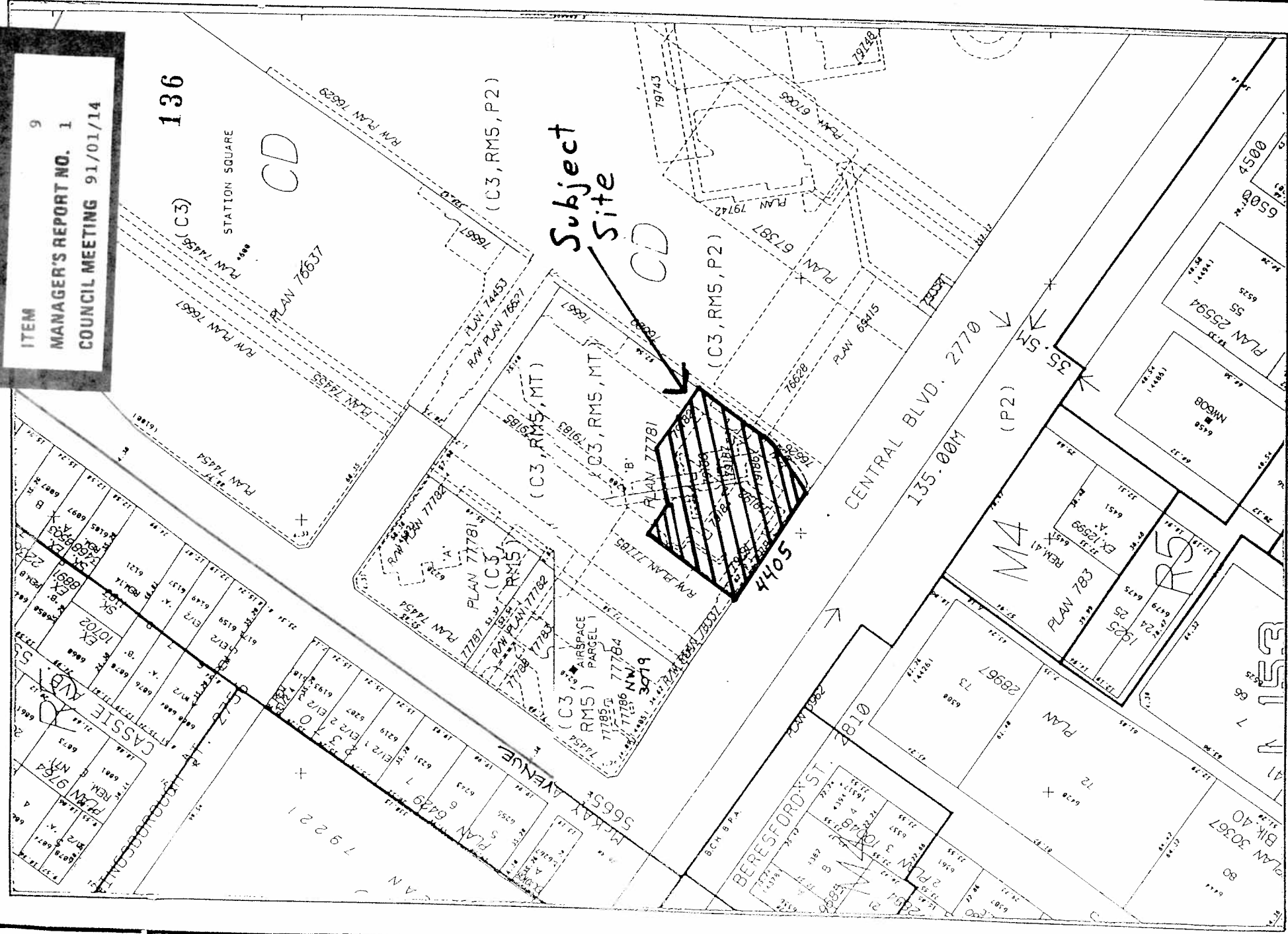
4.1 In light of the fact that the proposed extension of operating hours for the subject liquor licence facility would be in conflict with the adopted guidelines for liquor licence facilities in Metrotown, the likelihood that the extension of operating hours would draw patrons from other licensed facilities in Burnaby and the comments from the Social Planner for Metrotown, the Director Planning and Building Inspection recommends that Council not give favourable consideration to this liquor licence application.

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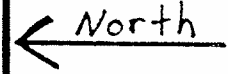
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