

TO: CITY MANAGER 1998 JUNE 17

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: HOLIDAY INN METROTOWN
4405 CENTRAL BOULEVARD (see attached sketch)
LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION # 2/98

PURPOSE: To provide recommendations to Council on two requested changes to the Holiday Inn Metrotowns' Class "A" liquor licence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council give favorable consideration to the request to permit off premises sales within the Class "A" licenced lounge.
2. **THAT** Council not give favorable consideration to the request to change the permitted hours of sale in the Class "A" licenced lounge from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday to 12:00 noon - 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.
3. **THAT** a copy of this report and Council's resolutions be forwarded to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, #101 - 9180 King George Highway, Surrey, B.C. 3V3 5V9 and the applicant, Mr. Blair Kennedy, Holiday Inn Metrotown, 4405 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4M3.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 1.1 The subject site is occupied by part of Station Square, which is a high density commercial development with a broad range of commercial uses, including the Holiday Inn Hotel. The Holiday Inn has a Class "B" liquor licence for a restaurant and a Class "A" liquor licence for a lounge. This report is submitted in response to requests for two changes to the Class "A" lounge. The Class "A" lounge is currently licenced with a seating capacity of 225 and permitted hours of sales of 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Monday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight on Sunday. Off premises sales are currently not permitted.

1.2 On 1989 May 15 Council received a report which presented a policy framework through which liquor licence applications in Metrotown could be assessed. At that time Council adopted guidelines in the report for staff to assess applications for the establishment and operation of liquor licence facilities in Metrotown. These guidelines are utilized to assess this liquor licence application.

2.0 **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

A) **CHANGE IN OPERATING HOURS:**

2.1 The first request is to change the permitted operating hours of the Class "A" lounge from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays to 12:00 noon - 2:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

With regard to the above noted policy framework, Council adopted guidelines for the hours of operation for Class "A", "C" and "D" licenced facilities in Metrotown. The guidelines state that Class "A" liquor establishments should have a closing hour no later than 1:00 a.m. from Monday to Saturday and 12:00 midnight on Sunday.

The requested change in operating hours is contrary to the Council adopted guidelines for Class "A" liquor establishments and the current permitted closing time is already later than that stipulated in the guidelines. The original liquor licence for the Holiday Inn predated these guidelines.

2.2 In terms of comparing the operating hours to similar facilities, there are 7 other Class "A" liquor licences issued in Burnaby to hotels or motels for lounges. Of these other Class "A" facilities, there is only one other licenced Class "A" lounge with a later closing time. The licenced lounge in the North Burnaby Inn is open until 2:00 a.m. Of the six remaining hotels or motels with Class "A" lounges, one is permitted to be open until 1:30 a.m. and the other five have earlier closing times than the Holiday Inn. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to consider extending the operating hours of this establishment to attain equity in this market.

2.3 In response to this application, Social Planning, Engineering Department, Environmental Services Division and the R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment were consulted for their input. Environmental Services commented that all future use shall comply with requirements of the Burnaby Noise or Sound Abatement Bylaw, while the R.C.M.P. indicated that they did not object to the request to change the operating hours. Social Planning does not support the change in operating hours due to concerns about noise and other conflicts.

B) OFF PREMISES SALES:

- 2.4 The second request is to permit off premises sales. Provincial regulations permit the off premises sale of beer, cider and coolers until 11:00 p.m., 7 days per week. A local government resolution is required for the Provincial government to consider such requests. There is no Council adopted policy dealing with off premises sales such as there is for changes in operating hours.
- 2.5 In terms of off premises sales in similar facilities, of the seven other Class "A" liquor licences issued for hotels or motels in Burnaby, two have an adjacent Class "G" retail beer and wine store, two have off premises sales and three do not have any off premises sales.
- 2.6 In response to the circulation on this matter, Social Planning, Environmental Services and the R.C.M.P. did not object to this request.
- 2.7 The sale of beer, cider and coolers through off-premises sales in a Class "A" licenced facility is considered a minor alteration to the liquor licence and should not have much impact on the surrounding area.

3.0 CONCLUSION:

- 3.1 In light of the requested change in operating hours being contrary to the adopted guidelines for liquor establishments in Metrotown, the proposed closing time being later than most other Class "A" licenced lounges in hotels and motels in Burnaby and concerns by Social Planning staff, this Department does not support the requested change in operating hours.

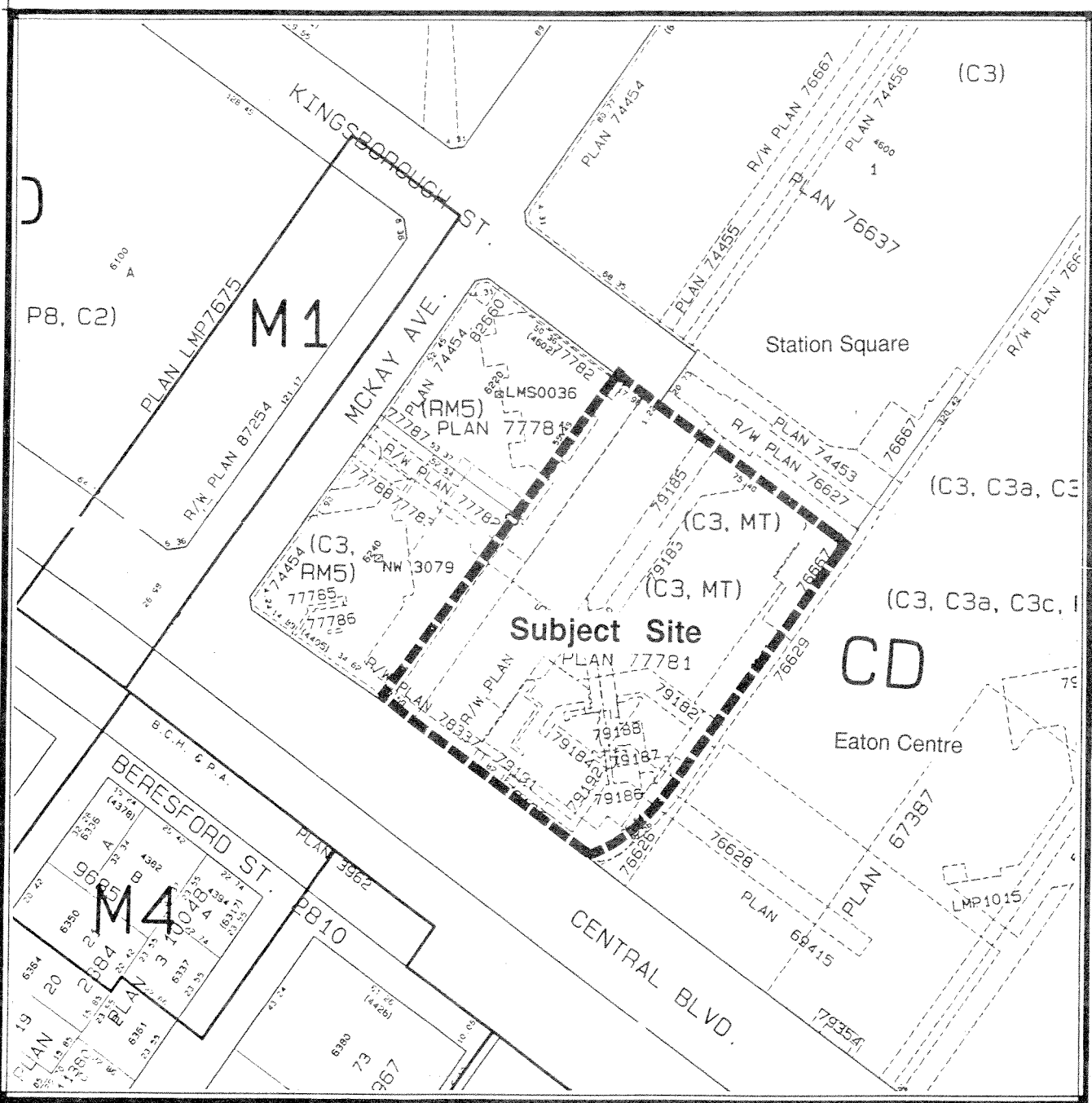
In light of the broad commercial orientation of Metrotown as a Regional Town Centre and the lack of objections by other City staff and the R.C.M.P., this Department supports the request to permit off premises sales.



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Director Planning and Building

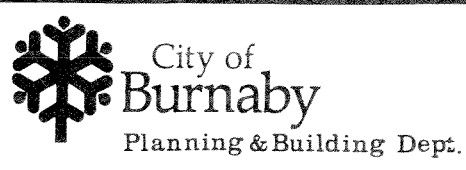
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