

**TO:** CITY MANAGER 2004 MAY 11

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT:** **LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION # 04-01**  
**Entertainment Proposal for Food Primary Establishment**  
**Wozobia Restaurant**  
**7611 Edmonds Street (see attached sketch)**

**PURPOSE:** To provide Council with a recommendation on the subject liquor licence application.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council deny the request for patron participation entertainment (karaoke) within the subject restaurant, based on its consideration of the factors of potential noise, impact on the community and whether the amendment may result in the restaurant operating improperly as a liquor primary establishment.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB), P.O. Box 9292, Stn. Provincial Government, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9J8; and to the applicant, Brenda Adomi, #304 - 5900 Muir Drive, Richmond, B.C. V6V 2Y8

**R E P O R T**

**1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- 1.1 On 2003 May 5 Council adopted the recommendations in a report on Processing Procedure and Criteria For Liquor Licence Applications, including approving the processing procedure and criteria for local government consideration of applications for patron participation entertainment in new or existing food primary licenced establishments. This application is being processed in accordance with the adopted procedure.

**2.0 GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- 2.1 The applicant is seeking local government support for patron participation entertainment in conjunction with the subject restaurant, which is currently in the process of obtaining a food primary liquor licence at 7611 Edmonds Street. The restaurant has a proposed seating

capacity of 50 seats. The proposed entertainment is karaoke with no karaoke box rooms. The proposed hours of liquor sale are 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., 7 days per week, with the karaoke entertainment to operate to 12:00 midnight.

- 2.2 The subject restaurant is located in a small strip commercial centre , which also includes an automobile repair and an automobile parts retail establishment, as well as another small restaurant. The New Vista seniors' housing development and the Canada Way Lodge are located nearby to the north and northeast, while Edmonds Community School and the new No. 2 Fire Hall are across Edmonds Street to the south. Low scale commercial development is located to the southwest and to the northeast along Edmonds Street.
- 2.3 Council may recall that there have been two earlier liquor licence applications (Liquor Licence Application #01-14 and Liquor Licence Application # 03-02) related to permitting patron participation entertainment (karaoke) on this site for a restaurant called Westside Live, which later raised significant concerns for the RCMP. This application is being submitted by a new owner and there are no karaoke box rooms proposed in the restaurant. While serious concerns have been raised by the RCMP regarding the previous karaoke box rooms, there still remain concerns relating to karaoke in open restaurants given recent incidents that have occurred in the region.
- 2.4 The RCMP and Environmental Services, Engineering Department, expressed concerns regarding the hours of liquor sale and the hours of entertainment due to the proximity to the seniors residential development. There have also been recent incidents at karaoke clubs within Burnaby and elsewhere within the region that could suggest that introduction of such a use may not be complimentary to the City's revitalization efforts focused on the Edmonds Street area.
- 2.5 Three factors which local government are required to comment on relative to applications for patron participation entertainment in a food primary licensed facility are potential noise, community impact and whether the amendment may result in the restaurant operating improperly as a liquor primary establishment. The subject restaurant selling liquor until 2:00 a.m. and having karaoke entertainment until 12:00 midnight would bring all 3 of these issues into question. In light of the potential for additional late night noise and disturbances affecting nearby businesses and residents in particular the residents of the New Vista seniors housing development and the Canada Way Lodge, as well as the potential for the restaurant to function in a manner not in accordance with a food primary licensed establishment during the late night hours, staff are hesitant to recommend in favor of the karaoke based restaurant. A conventional restaurant with a food primary licence, but with no patron participation entertainment, would be a welcome addition to the area, providing an expanded range of eating establishments and more family oriented uses.

**3.0 CONCLUSION:**

In light of concerns regarding the potential general operation of the restaurant late at night and its compliance with the food primary liquor licence, the potential for noise affecting nearby residents and impacts on the surrounding community, as well as Burnaby's current work in revitalizing the Edmonds area, it is recommended that Council deny the request for patron participation entertainment (karaoke) within the subject restaurant.

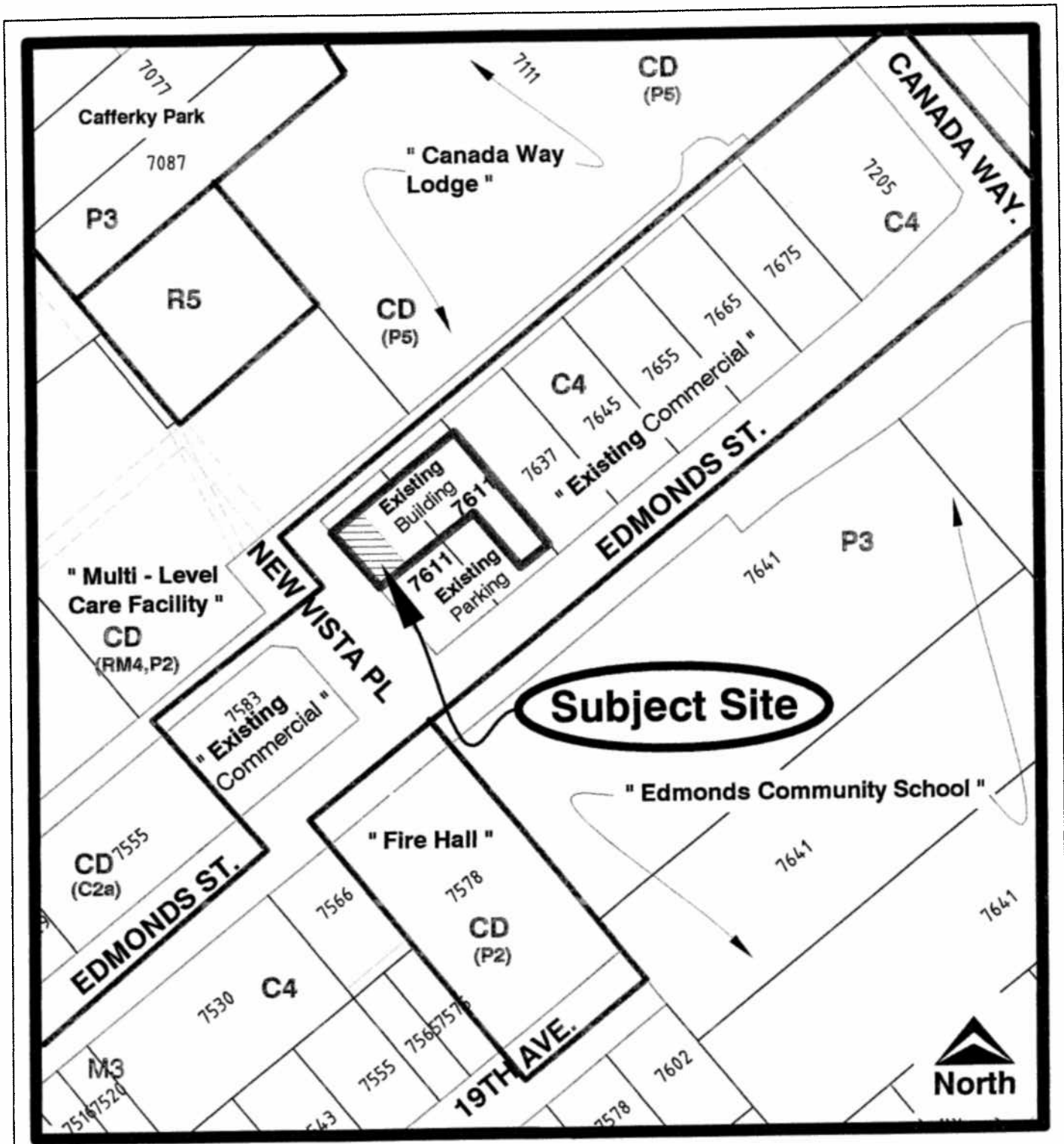


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RCMP, Burnaby Detachment  
Environmental Services, Engineering Department

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Date: April 2004

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7613 Edmonds St.  
( Wazobia Restaurant )

Sketch # 1