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COUNCIL REPORT

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CITY MANAGER

DATE:

2011 January 24

FROM:

DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE:
Reference:

46000 06 LLA #11-07

SUBJECT:

LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION #11-07

FIRE FIGHTERS' SOCIAL & ATHLETIC CLUB 6515 Bonsor Avenue (see <u>attached</u> Sketches #1 & #2)

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with a recommendation for a new food primary liquor licence

within the banquet and meeting room facilities of the Fire Fighters' Social &

Athletic Club.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT Council support the subject food primary liquor licence application which involves patron participation entertainment (i.e. dinner and dance with live or amplified music), as described in Section 3.0 of this report.
- 2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, P.O. Box 9292, Stn. Provincial Government, Victoria, BC V8W 9J8; Shannon Malcom (applicant), Rising Tide Consultants, 1090 1130 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 4A4; and to Mr. Jack Steele, Secretary-Treasurer Firefighters' No. 314 Holding Society, 6515 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5H 3E8.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 The Fire Fighters' Social & Athletic Club has been issued a liquor primary licence which permits the sale of liquor from 11:00 am to 1:00 am, Monday to Thursday, 11:00 am to 2:00 am, Friday and Saturday, and 11:00 am to midnight on Sunday within the liquor licenced establishment (pub) portion of the building. The licence also permits the sale of liquor within the related outdoor-patio from 11:00 am to 8:30 pm, Monday to Saturday, and 12:00 noon to 8:30 pm on Sundays, from May 01 to September 30 (5 months) each year. The seating capacity of the liquor licenced establishment is limited to 200 persons, including the 30-seat ground-floor seasonal outdoor patio.

It is noted that the second floor banquet room of the subject Fire Fighters' Social & Athletic Club, as well as the main floor meeting room, are not liquor licenced areas.

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- 1.2 The Liquor Control and Licencing Branch (LCLB), as part of their assessment process of food primary licence applications, requests that local government provide comment on applications seeking to establish a new or amend an existing food primary liquor licence which involve patron participation entertainment. LCLB regulations also state that if the proposed licence may affect nearby residents, local government must gather the view of the residents.
- 1.3 On 2003 May 05, Council adopted recommendations for processing procedures and guidelines for liquor licence applications, in which Council will continue to receive reports on applications for new or amended food primary licences that propose to serve liquor past 12:00 a.m. midnight if:
 - a) The proposed hours of liquor sale are later than 2:00 a.m.; or
 - b) The establishment has, or proposes to have a patio; or
 - c) The establishment has or proposes to have patron participation entertainment past 12:00 a.m. midnight.

However, public input into amendments to liquor licences may not be gathered if very few concerns arise, based on the record of the existing liquor licence establishment and the degree of change proposed in the application. The LCLB was advised of these adopted recommendations. This report provides comment on this application based on the above guidelines.

2.0 SUBJECT APPLICATION

2.1 This application is requesting a new food primary licence with patron participation entertainment (i.e. dinner and dance with live or amplified music) for the 437.0 m² (4,705 sq. ft.) second floor banquet room and 10.7 m² (116 sq. ft.) main floor meeting room at the Fire Fighters' Social & Athletic Club.

The proposed hours of liquor sale within these areas are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight on Sundays. The person capacity of the banquet room is 392 persons; and the person capacity of the main floor meeting room is 42 persons. The permitted use of these assembly spaces is to host meetings and events, such as weddings and other private social functions.

No change is requested to the person capacity or closing hour of liquor sale within the portions of the establishment licensed as "liquor primary".

2.2 In response to this application, input has been solicited from relevant City Departments, including the RCMP Burnaby Detachment.

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The RCMP do not oppose the proposed patron participation entertainment component of the proposed food primary liquor licence.

In view of the size and person capacity of the proposed food primary liquor licence areas 2.3 involving patron participation entertainment, it is recommended that staff gather public input from property owners and residents, similar to a Public Hearing notification process. The gathering of public input would include letters being sent to all property owners and occupants within 30 metres of the site, inviting written comments be sent to the Planning Department; notification in two consecutive issues of the local newspaper; and the placement of a sign at the site.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Given that the banquet and meeting rooms are designated for assembly use, it is proposed that Council support the subject food primary liquor licence application which involves patron participation entertainment (i.e. dinner and dance with live or amplified music), subject to staff gathering public input. Once input has been gathered from the public, staff will submit a subsequent report to Council responding to the comments of nearby residents. At that time, as warranted, Council consideration for issuance of a letter of support to the LCLB for the subject liquor licence application would be sought.

B. Luksun, Director

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Chief Licence Inspector

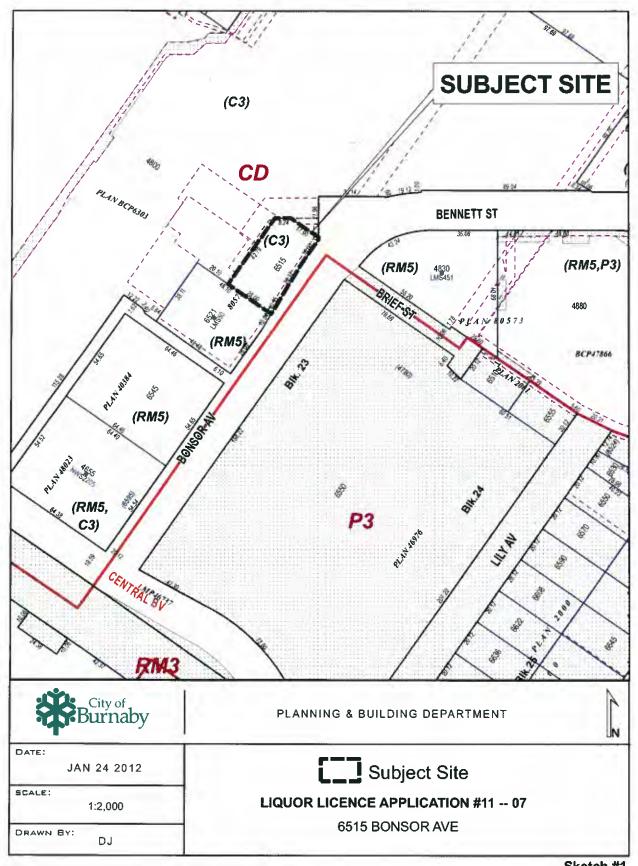
Director Engineering, Environmental Services Division

Officer-in-Charge, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment

City Solicitor

City Clerk

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Sketch #1



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Sketch #2