2012-FEB-20

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

REPORT TO: A. TUCKER, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,

COMMUNITY SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT

FROM: T. KNIGHT, MANAGER, CURRENT PLANNING,

COMMUNITY SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT

RE: LA74 / PERMANENT CHANGE TO A LIQUOR PRIMARY LICENSE

QUEENS HOTEL- 34 VICTORIA CRESCENT

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City received correspondence from Mr. Jerry Hong, owner of the Queens Hotel, requesting a local resolution in support of his application for a permanent change to the nightclub’s current liquor primary license in order to begin liquor service 30 minutes earlier. A local government resolution is required by the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) before it will consider the application.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Hong wishes to amend the hours of liquor service from:

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| ***Monday - Sunday*** | ***12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.*** |

To:

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| ***Monday - Sunday*** | ***11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.*** |

This proposed change, if approved, will not affect the nightclub’s hours of liquor service at closing but will allow them to open 30 minutes earlier in order to operate a Chinese Kitchen. The subject property is located at 34 Victoria Crescent and is included within the Terminal Avenue (DT4) zone, where a nightclub is permitted as an ‘entertainment use’ within the City’s zoning bylaw. The nightclub is located in a mixed use portion of Nanaimo’s downtown core, in an area with a high concentration of liquor-primary establishments.

In response to changes in provincial liquor laws and an increase in liquor-related incidents in Nanaimo’s downtown core, the City of Nanaimo retained Neilson-Welch Consulting Inc. to prepare a Liquor Control Strategy in June of 2002, which Council subsequently adopted. The Liquor Control Strategy had recommended that Council not endorse any extension to hours of liquor service.

However, Council, at its meeting of 2007-MAY-28, amended Nanaimo’s Hours of Service Policy to allow liquor service to 1:30am in all areas of the City. The nightclub’s existing closing hours predate this policy. The hours of service policy does not comment on when an applicant can begin serving liquor. As the applicant is not seeking to serve liquor any later than they are already permitted to but instead is requesting to serve 30 minutes earlier, the application is consistent with Council’s hours of liquor service policy.

A public notice and comment sheet will be mailed and delivered to all owners and residents of buildings and properties within 100m of the subject property.

All referral responses, including comments from the RCMP and the Building Inspection Section, will be summarized and attached to a future report. As per Council’s policy, this report has been placed on this evening’s agenda for information only.

Respectfully submitted,

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Manager, Current Planning Director of Planning

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*Council: 2012-FEB-27*

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