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To whom it may concern:

**Re: [Application for a Permanent Change to a Primary Liquor License  
Brigadier D.R. Sargent's Combined Mess – 709 Nanaimo Lake Road, Nanaimo, BC](#)**

I am writing to advise that Council, at its meeting of 2017-JAN-16, reviewed an application from Mr. Mike Hogman on behalf of the Nanaimo Military Camp for the Brigadier D.R. Sargent's Combined Mess for a permanent structural change to a liquor primary licence area at 709 Nanaimo Lakes Road. Council opted to provide "No Comment" to the LCLB for the licensed capacity change from 212 persons to 568 persons. A copy of the Council Report is included for your consideration.

As part of the review process, the local government commented on the following:

- ***The potential for noise if the application is approved:*** The Brigadier D.R. Sargent's Combined Mess is located at 709 Nanaimo Lakes Road, surrounded by vacant federally-owned land and across the road from Colliery Dam Park. There are no residential uses within 100m that could be impacted by potential noise.

***The impact on the community if the application is approved:*** The Brigadier D.R. Sargent's Combined Mess functions like a private members' bar for all serving military members in Nanaimo. Members pay monetary dues in exchange for the ability to use the mess for various functions. The general public cannot attend, unless invited by a member in good standing. The Combined Mess hosts various events which historically have required Special Occasion Liquor Licences. These events have included formal dinners, military functions, and private fundraising events. The request to increase total persons is to allow for above-mentioned events to continue without requiring a Special Occasion Liquor Licence.

The RCMP did not object to the application as the mess hall is situated within an army base which is secluded and inaccessible to the general public. There is no record of any adverse incident at this licensed premise and the guests are typically of the low-risk demographic (letter included within attached Council Report as Attachment D).

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**The views of residents / neighbouring businesses:** A public notice and comment sheet was mailed and hand delivered to the owners, residents and business owners of buildings and properties within 100m of the subject property. As no residentially used properties fell within this radius, Staff extended the radius to include the nearby residences. Correspondence from two neighbours was received in response, both supportive of the application. A letter of no objection was received from the adjacent property, held by Indigenous and Northern Affairs (letter included within attached Council Report as Attachment E).

As surrounding land uses are predominately government, park, or the university, it was not surprising only two comment sheets were received with respect to the application. The comment sheets are in support of the application and are included (within attached Council Report as Attachment C).

Council, at its meeting of 2017-Jan-16 Council Meeting moved and seconded a motion directing Staff to send a statement of "No Comment" to the LCLB. The Motion carried.

I have attached a copy of the Staff report which was forwarded to Council regarding the application. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-755-4473.

Sincerely,



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