

DATE OF MEETING June 11, 2018

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SUBJECT LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA131 - 100 PORT DRIVE

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of a liquor licence application to permit a lounge endorsement for a new liquor licence to be located at 100 Port Drive prior to proceeding with the public input process.

Recommendation

That the report titled "Liquor Licence Application No. LA131 – 100 Port Drive", dated 2018-JUN-11, be received for information.

DISCUSSION

A Notice of Application was received from Rising Tide Consultants Ltd., on behalf of HeliJet International Inc. ("HeliJet") requesting a local government resolution in support of their application to the Provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) to permit liquor service within the HeliJet passenger terminal at 100 Port Drive exclusive to guests and passengers of HeliJet. The proposed licenced capacity of the liquor primary area is 75 persons within an indoor passenger lounge. The applicants are also requesting a minors' endorsement to permit minors to be present in the terminal when liquor is served. The proposed hours of service are 9am to 9pm, seven days a week. The proposed hours of service are permitted by the City's Hours of Service Policy that limits liquor service up to 1:30am. It is the applicants' intent that liquor service will remain ancillary to the primary use of a helicopter terminal and be limited to beer and wine sales only.

The subject property is located adjacent to the Cruise Ship Welcome Centre on property owned and operated by the Nanaimo Port Authority. The property is zoned Harbour Waterfront (W2); a neighbourhood pub is a permitted use within the W2 zone.

As Council is aware, a local government resolution is required before the LCLB will consider the application further. Traditionally, the LCLB has requested that new applications be reviewed in terms of the following criteria:

1. location of the proposed establishment;
2. proximity of social / recreational facilities in public buildings;
3. patron capacity and hours of liquor service;
4. concentration of existing establishments within the market area;
5. traffic, noise, parking and zoning;
6. population densities and operation trends;
7. socio-economic factors; and
8. community impact.

Staff will comment on each of these factors in a future report to Council once a public meeting has been held and referral responses have been received.

Further, the LCLB asks the local government to gather the views of nearby residents and business owners. The City requires all new liquor licence applications to include an opportunity for residents and business owners to speak to Council regarding the application. The application is tentatively scheduled to be included on the 2018-JUL-05 Special Council Meeting agenda.

A public notice and comment sheet will be sent to all owners and occupants within 100m of the subject property. The public notice sheet will advise residents of the Council meeting date and request for comment. Once the responses have been returned, they will be summarized and attached to a future report. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- An application for a new liquor primary licence has been received for the HeliJet Terminal located at 100 Port Drive.
- Public notices will be delivered and a public meeting will be held to gather community input through the application process. |

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Location Plan
ATTACHMENT B: Applicant's Letter of Rationale
ATTACHMENT C: Floor Plan |

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