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SUBJECT | LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA142 – 940 OLD VICTORIA ROAD |

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report:**

To inform Council that an application has been received to amend the existing liquor licence at Unit 2, 940 Old Victoria Road (Wolf Brewing Company) to extend the hours of service.

## **BACKGROUND**

A notice of application was received from Wolf Brewing Company requesting a local government resolution in support of their licence amendment application to the Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) to extend their hours of service. Council supported a lounge endorsement liquor licence for Wolf Brewing Company in April 2018.

## **DISCUSSION**

The subject property is located within an industrial park in Nanaimo’s South End Neighbourhood. The property is zoned Light Industrial (I2). The applicant has provided a Letter of Rationale for the proposed change to the existing liquor licence (see Attachment B). The Wolf Brewing Company building has a maximum capacity of 60 persons. The business includes an interior area for beer manufacturing, an onsite store, and a lounge area for patrons. The lounge includes an interior area (393.74m<sup>2</sup>) and an outdoor patio (7.11m<sup>2</sup>).

The applicant is proposing to extend the hours of service such that the business has the potential to be open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. The existing and proposed hours of service are as follows:

	<b>Monday to Thursday</b>	<b>Friday and Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Existing Hours</b>	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<b>Proposed Hours</b>	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.		

Changes in hours of service are subject to local government consideration and comment. A municipal resolution will be required before the Province will consider the application further. As part of the liquor licence amendment review process, the LCRB asks the local government to comment on potential for noise and impact on the community, and requests the local government gather the views of nearby residents and business owners. A Public Notice and Comment Sheet will be sent and delivered to all property owners and occupants within 100m of

the business at 940 Old Victoria Road. The Public Notice will advise residents of the proposed changes to the liquor licence. Once the responses have been received, they will be summarized and attached to a future report to Council.

The LCRB has requested liquor licence amendment applications be reviewed in terms of the following criteria:

- The location of the establishment;
- The proximity of the establishment to other social or recreational facilities;
- The person capacity and hours of service of the establishment;
- The impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity; and
- The impact on the community if the application is approved.

Staff will comment on each of these factors in a future report after public comments have been received.

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- An application has been received to amend the existing liquor licence at 940 Old Victoria Road (Wolf Brewing Company) to extend the hours of service.
- Staff will proceed with the public notification to gather the views of nearby residents and business owners.
- A summary of public comments and an evaluation of community impacts will be brought to Council for consideration in a future report.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A: Location Plan  
ATTACHMENT B: Letter of Rationale  
ATTACHMENT C: Aerial Photo

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