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

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present Council with an application to amend an existing liquor licence at 940 Old Victoria Road. |

Recommendation

That Council recommend the Liquor Cannabis and Regulation Branch approve the application for 940 Old Victoria Road (Wolf Brewing Company) to amend their liquor licence to permit the hours of operation to be 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days per week.

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. An information report was presented to Council on 2020-MAR-16, and public comment sheets were mailed to the neighbourhood on 2020-MAR-18. Council previously supported the manufacturer's lounge liquor licence in April 2018. The applicant states the extended hours will attract customers and enable them to market the brewery as a venue for social events. |

DISCUSSION

When considering liquor licence amendment applications, the LCRB requests the City take into account the:

- location of the establishment,
- public consultation methods,
- the person capacity and hours of liquor service,
- impact of noise on the immediate vicinity, and
- impact on the community if the application is approved. |

Location of the Establishment

The subject property is located within an industrial park in Nanaimo's South End Neighbourhood. The Official Community Plan designates the property and surrounding area as 'Light Industrial'. The property is zoned Light Industrial (I2). The existing uses in the immediate vicinity are primarily industrial, with some residential surrounding the industrial park. This

includes single family dwellings along Old Victoria Road and a multi-family development, Newport Vista Village.

Public Consultation

The following summarizes the opportunities for information sharing and public consultation for the proposed changes to the liquor licence at 940 Old Victoria Road:

- An information report was on the Council agenda for the 2020-MAR-16 meeting.
- The liquor licence amendment application was referred to the South End Community Association. The neighbourhood group indicated the application was presented at an online board meeting and again at their online general meeting, at which group members expressed their support for the application and had no concerns.
- A comment sheet with information about the proposed changes to the liquor licence was mailed to the property owners and tenants within 100m of the subject property.
- A total of two completed comment sheets were received by the City (See Attachment C). Both comment sheets indicate support for the proposed changes to the liquor licence.
- The liquor licence amendment application was referred to the RCMP and the City's internal departments for review and comments. Their comments are summarized in the sections below.

Person Capacity and Hours of Liquor Service

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 (393.74m²) and an outdoor patio (7.11m²).

The applicant is proposing to extend the hours of service such that the business has the potential to be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days per week.

	Monday to Thursday	Friday and Saturday	Sunday
Existing Hours	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.
Proposed Hours	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days per week		

Impact of Noise on the Community in the Immediate Vicinity of the Establishment

The Bylaw Services and Business Licensing Sections have not received any nuisance complaints regarding Wolf Brewing Company. The subject property is located within an existing industrial park, thus Staff do not anticipate the change in hours will have a negative noise impact in the immediate vicinity.

Impact on the Community if the Application is Approved

This application was referred to the RCMP, Building, and Fire departments and there are no concerns regarding the application. Staff do not anticipate the proposed liquor licence amendment application will result in any negative impact to the community.

SUMMARY POINTS

- A notice of application was received from Wolf Brewing Company (940 Old Victoria Road) requesting a local government resolution in support of their application to the LCRB to amend their existing liquor licence to extend their hours of service.
- The City completed a referral process and public consultation to obtain feedback regarding the proposed amendments to the liquor licence.
- No concerns were raised regarding the proposal to change the hours of service to 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days per week.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: Location Plan
ATTACHMENT B: Letter of Rationale
ATTACHMENT C: Public Comment Sheets
ATTACHMENT D: Aerial Photo

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