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SUBJECT LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA144 – UNIT 2, 75 FRONT STREET

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report:**

To provide Council with information regarding an application received to amend the existing liquor licence for a business at 75 Front Street, Unit 2 (the Nanaimo Bar) to extend the hours of service.

## **BACKGROUND**

A notice of application was received from Sonia Komen, owner of the Nanaimo Bar at 75 Front Street, Unit 2, 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 the Nanaimo Bar in August 2015.

## **DISCUSSION**

The subject property is located within Nanaimo’s downtown core and is included within the Chapel Front (DT5) zone. The DT5 zone permits a nightclub and lounge use. The applicant is proposing to extend the hours of service such that the business has the potential to be open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. seven days a week. The existing and proposed hours of service are as follows:

	<b>Monday to Sunday</b>
<b>Existing Hours</b>	5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
<b>Proposed Hours</b>	10 a.m. to 1:30 a.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 75 Front Street. The Public Notice will advise residents of the proposed changes to the liquor licence and give an opportunity for them to provide comments. 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 75 Front Street (the Nanaimo Bar) 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: Context Map  
ATTACHMENT B: Location Plan  
ATTACHMENT C: Letter of Rationale  
ATTACHMENT D: Aerial Photo

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