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Community impact statement.

I am writing in regards to my application for an extension of hours to my liquor license. Currently our hours are 5:00pm-1:30am, 7 days a week. I am seeking permission to expand those hours to 10:00am to 1:30am, 7 days a week.

The net impact this will have on our downtown core can only be positive.

There will be more businesses open during the day and make downtown thrive and look alive, especially during tourist season. It will bring locals to the downtown core that might not normally venture this way.

I can provide services, such as private functions or meetings in a smaller venue.

Many people have said that they can not stay for the live music because it is too late for them. Being open earlier, I will be able to provide earlier shows. This will also give local musicians more opportunities to play for their community. Bringing people together. Bringing back the much needed culture we seem to be missing (especially after Covid).

Not only tourists but locals as well have often enquired about being able to have a “Nanaimo Bar” in a “NANAIMO BAR”. Being a licensed establishment, I offer Nanaimo Bar Cocktails or Martinis. All part of the Nanaimo Bar Trail.

One possible negative impact I foresee, is that some residents who live downtown in the Arts district, might not enjoy the music. May be too loud for them? I can and will make sure to keep the noise level low by taking decibel readings and keeping the volume at a reasonable level for listening as I currently do.

Another impact is perhaps people may be drinking a little earlier. As per liquor regulations, I will be sure to NOT over serve them and to limit their alcohol intake as per usual.

Thank you for your time and consideration. CHEERS!

Sonia Komen
Owner/Operator
The Nanaimo Bar