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SUBJECT LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA145 – 1431 BOWEN ROAD

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide Council with information regarding an application that has been received to amend the existing liquor licence at 1431 Bowen Road (Quarterway Pub) to permit an outdoor patio.

BACKGROUND

A notice of application was received from Nadine Holdings Ltd. requesting a local government resolution in support of their licence amendment application to the Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) to permit an outdoor patio at the Quarterway Pub at 1431 Bowen Road.

DISCUSSION

The Quarterway Pub and liquor store are currently located on the property at 1431 Bowen Road, which is zoned 'Community Corridor' (COR3). A pub has been located on the property since 1879, and the liquor store was built in 2003. The applicant has provided a letter of rationale for the proposed change to the liquor licence (see Attachment E). The outdoor patio is proposed to be approximately 86m² in size, contain 40 seats, and would be open from May to September each year. The patio would be adjacent to the lounge area and access to the patio would be from the interior of the building. If the proposed patio is supported, the maximum capacity for the business would remain at 123 persons.

During the pandemic, temporary outdoor patios were supported by the LCRB and the City of Nanaimo, thus the Quarterway Pub had a temporary outdoor patio during the 2020 and 2021 summer seasons. The LCRB has advised that, moving forward, the temporary patios must either be removed, or a liquor licence amendment application must be submitted to the LCRB requesting a permanent outdoor patio. In accordance with the review process utilized prior to the pandemic, the LCRB has requested that 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. The next step will be for Staff to mail and hand deliver a Public Notice to the owners and occupants of all buildings within a 100 metre radius of the subject property to inform them of the proposed liquor licence amendment, and to obtain neighbourhood input. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- An application has been received to amend the existing liquor licence at 1431 Bowen Road (Quarterway Pub) to permit an outdoor patio.
- 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: Site Plan
ATTACHMENT D: Floor Plan (patio)
ATTACHMENT E: Letter of Rationale
ATTACHMENT F: Aerial Photo |

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