

DATE OF MEETING | December 5, 2022 |

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SUBJECT | LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA147 – 1630 EAST WELLINGTON ROAD |



Proposal:

To amend the existing liquor licence to change the hours of liquor service.

Zoning:

COR3 - Community Corridor

City Plan Land Use Designation:

Mixed Use Corridor

Lot Area:

0.53ha



City Aerial Photo 2020

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To inform Council that an application has been received to amend the existing liquor licence at 1630 East Wellington Road (Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 256) to change the hours of liquor service.

BACKGROUND

An application was received from Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 256 (the Legion) requesting a local government resolution in support of the licence amendment application to the Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) to change their hours of liquor service. In 2013, Council supported a change in the hours of liquor service to 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. (Monday to Sunday); and subsequently, in 2018 Council supported a conversion of the Legion's Liquor Club Licence to a Liquor Primary Licence. No change in hours of service were proposed in 2018, however, the application and staff report to Council included incorrect hours of service (12 noon to 1:00 a.m.). Subsequently, the LCRB chose to amend the hours on the liquor licence to match the hours of service noted on the Council report. The Legion has submitted a new application for a Council resolution to amend the hours of liquor service to align with the hours previously approved in 2013.

DISCUSSION

The subject property is located on the northeast corner of the Bowen Road / East Wellington Road intersection with additional frontage on Townsite Road. The area is characterized predominantly by commercial and multi-family uses, with Ecole Quarterway Elementary School across East Wellington Road from the subject property. The Legion opened its doors in this location in May 1958.

The applicant is proposing to amend their hours of liquor service to align with the hours that were previously approved in 2013 by the LCRB and the City of Nanaimo, as an earlier opening and closing time will allow the Legion to provide an earlier lunch service and closing time. The existing and proposed hours of service are as follows:

	Monday to Sunday
Existing Hours	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Proposed Hours	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 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.

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

- The impact of noise on nearby residents; and,
- The impact on the community if the application is approved.

CONCLUSION

Staff will comment on each of these factors in a future report after public comments are 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 100m radius of the subject property to inform them of the proposed liquor licence amendment, and to obtain neighbourhood input.

SUMMARY POINTS

- An application was received to amend the existing liquor licence at 1630 East Wellington Road (Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256) to change their hours of liquor service to align with the hours that were previously approved by Council in 2013.
- 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: Subject Property Map
ATTACHMENT B: Letter of Rationale

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