

**ATTACHMENT B
LETTER OF RATIONALE**



Royal Canadian Legion – Branch # 256 Mount Benson
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March 8, 2022

Re: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256
Application for amendment to existing Liquor Primary Licence

To Whom it May Concern,

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256 has made application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for an amendment to the current licence to change the hours of liquor service.

The rationale of the application by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256 is to revert to the previous hours approved by the Regulation Branch and the City of Nanaimo. In December of 2018, the City of Nanaimo Council approved the application to convert the Liquor Club Licence to a Liquor Primary Licence. It appears that there was an error in the application which had the effect of changing the hours of service to a previously approved schedule. It was not the desire of the Legion to revert to the previous hours (12 pm – 1 am) but rather, stay at the hours of operation at the time of application for a Liquor Primary Licence (10:30 am to 12:30 am).

The Legion had originally requested the hours of service be rolled back to an earlier opening and closing to predominantly be able to provide lunch service for business, community, and veterans. There appears not to be a need to extend

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service beyond 12:30 am and the earlier closing time works well for the Legion and respects our neighbours and the community at large.

Please find attached correspondence from both the City of Nanaimo and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256 sent to the Branch in February 2021.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Forth' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wendy Forth,

Secretary,

Royal Canadian Legion, Mount Benson Branch 256

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Our File: LA000134

Via email: liquor.licensing@gov.bc.ca

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LIQUOR AND CANNABIS REGULATION BRANCH
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To whom it may concern:

**Re: LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA134 – 1630 EAST WELLINGTON ROAD
– NEW LIQUOR PRIMARY LICENCE**

I am writing to offer the City of Nanaimo's support for the application from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256 to amend its hours of liquor service from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., as per their previous hours prior to 2018.

In December 2018, City of Nanaimo Council recommended that the LCRB approve the application to convert an existing liquor primary club licence to a liquor primary licence for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256 located at 1630 East Wellington Road. The application did not include a request to amend the hours of liquor service. Staff mistakenly included the wrong hours of service on the staff report presented to Council. Subsequently, the LCRB chose to amend the hours of liquor service to match the hours on the staff report which were incorrect.

In 2013, the City of Nanaimo supported an application from the Legion to increase the hours of liquor service in order to start service 1.5 hours earlier at 10:30 a.m., and to decrease the hours of late night liquor service by ending at 12:30 a.m. instead of 1:00 a.m. The application was approved by the LCRB. The City supports amending the hours back to the previous hours of service approved in 2013.

Sincerely,



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