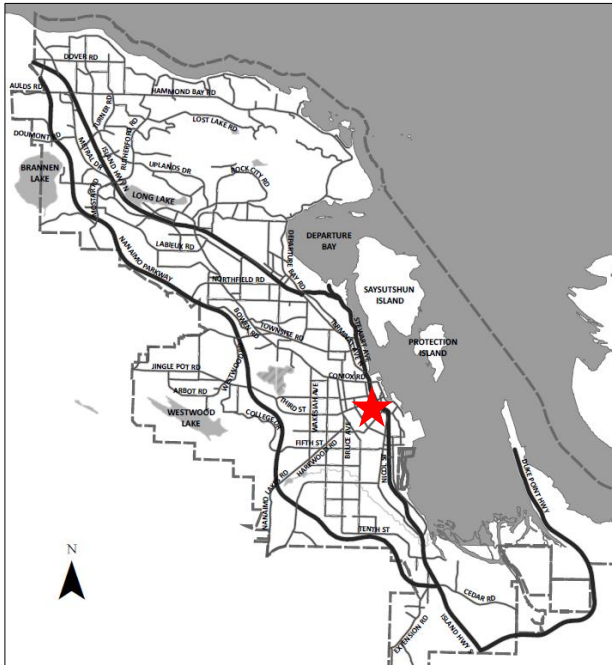


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SUBJECT | LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA158 – UNIT 201-70
COMMERCIAL STREET



Proposal:

Consideration of a new liquor licence application

Zoning:

DT1– Core

City Plan Land Use Designation:

Primary Urban Centre

Lot Area:

6,320m²



OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present for Council's consideration a new liquor primary licence application for an existing nail salon and spa located at Unit 201 – 70 Commercial Street.

Recommendation

That Council recommend that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch approve the application for a liquor primary licence at Unit 201 – 70 Commercial Street.

BACKGROUND

A notice of application was received from Paris Nails & Spa, requesting a local government resolution in support of their application to the Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) to permit liquor to be served at the existing Paris Nails & Spa located at Unit 201-70 Commercial Street.

A local government resolution is required before the LCRB will further consider this application.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the City of Nanaimo's Liquor Licence Review Policy and the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, liquor licence applications are reviewed against the following criteria:

- the location of the establishment;
- the person capacity;
- the hours of liquor service;
- the impact of noise; and,
- the impact on the community.

Public Consultation

The following summarizes the opportunities for public consultation and information sharing:

- In accordance with the Liquor Licence Review Policy, public comments from nearby residences and business owners were gathered for a period of 30 days, concluding on 2025-MAR-14.
- A total of two comment sheets were received by the City, all of which are in support of the application. The public comment sheets received are included as Attachment C.
- The liquor licence application was referred to the RCMP and City departments for review and comments. Responses are summarized in the sections below.

Location of the Establishment

The subject property is located centrally in the downtown area at the intersection of Commercial Street and Museum Way. The area includes local-serving retail and mixed-use developments, as well as a number of tourist destinations including heritage buildings, Diana Krall Plaza, the Nanaimo Museum, and the Nanaimo Art Gallery.

City Plan designates the property as ‘Primary Urban Centre’ and the property is zoned Core (DT1), intended to provide for a mix of uses where residents live in an area where shopping, clubs, cultural and entertainment uses exist.

Person Capacity and Hours of Liquor Service

The proposed hours of liquor service are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week, intended to align with the hours of operation of the existing nail salon and spa. The proposed hours are within a range of hours supported by the City. The consumption of alcohol is proposed to be within the patron treatment areas, which support a maximum occupant load of 20 persons.

Noise and Community Impact

Both the RCMP and City departments did not identify any safety concerns should the licence be granted. Given the nature of the business, it is not expected that noise will be generated by the addition of liquor service, which will be offered to a limited number of patrons within a controlled environment. The business does not offer entertainment, and patron services are entirely contained within the unit, which is suitably located within the downtown. No negative impacts on the community are anticipated if the application is approved. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The application, if approved, will allow liquor to be served within an existing nail salon.
- Public comments from nearby residences and business owners were gathered for a period of 30 days, concluding on 2025-MAR-14.
- Given that liquor service will be offered to a limited number of patrons within a controlled environment, no negative impacts are anticipated if the application is approved. |

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Subject Property Map
ATTACHMENT B: Floor Plan
ATTACHMENT C: Public Comment Sheets |

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