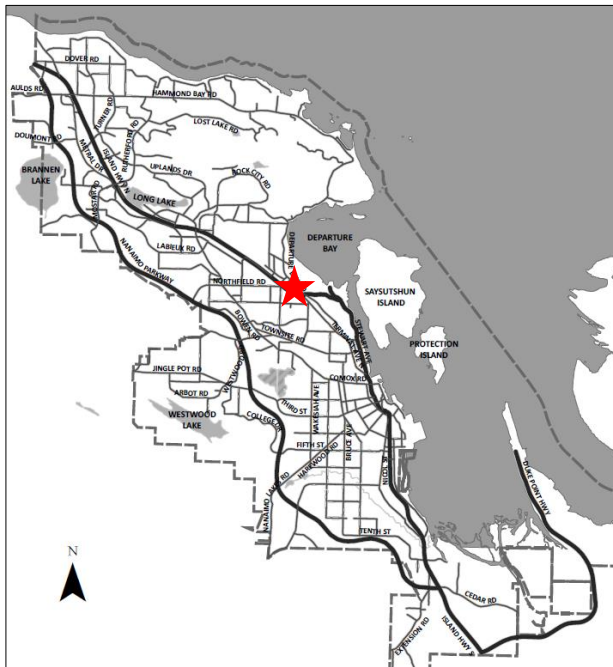


DATE OF MEETING July 7, 2025

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SUBJECT LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA160 – UNIT 205 – 2000
ISLAND HIGHWAY NORTH



Proposal:

Consideration of a new liquor licence application

Zoning:

CD8 – Comprehensive Development
District Zone Eight

City Plan Land Use Designation:

Mixed-Use Corridor

Lot Area:

4.15ha

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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 205 – 2000 Island Highway North.

Recommendation

That Council recommend that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch approve the application for a liquor primary licence at Unit 205– 2000 Island Highway North.

BACKGROUND

A notice of application was received from Vince Nails Spa Ltd., 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 Vince Nails Spa Ltd., located at Unit 205 - 2000 Island Highway North.

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-MAY-23.
- A total of four comment sheets were received by the City, of which three indicated support of the application and one did not support 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 site is a commercial property (Brooks Landing Shopping Centre), located within the Departure Bay neighbourhood. The surrounding area includes local-serving commercial uses; low-density residential; places of worship; and, an elementary school.

City Plan designates the property as 'Mixed-Use Corridor' and the property is zoned Comprehensive Development District Zone Eight (CD8), which is intended to provide integrated residential and commercial development that serves the surrounding neighbourhood.

Person Capacity and Hours of Service

The proposed hours of liquor service are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 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

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. 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 and spa.
- Public comments from nearby residences and business owners were gathered for a period of 30 days, concluding on 2025-MAY-23.
- 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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