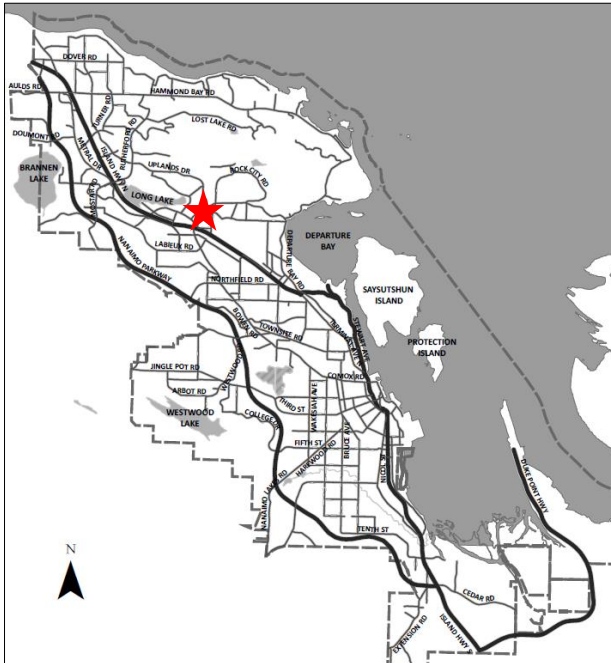


FOR: COUNCIL MEETING  
 MEETING DATE: February 2, 2026  
 DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
 SUBJECT: LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION NO. LA000165 – UNIT 2 - 4286 DEPARTURE BAY ROAD



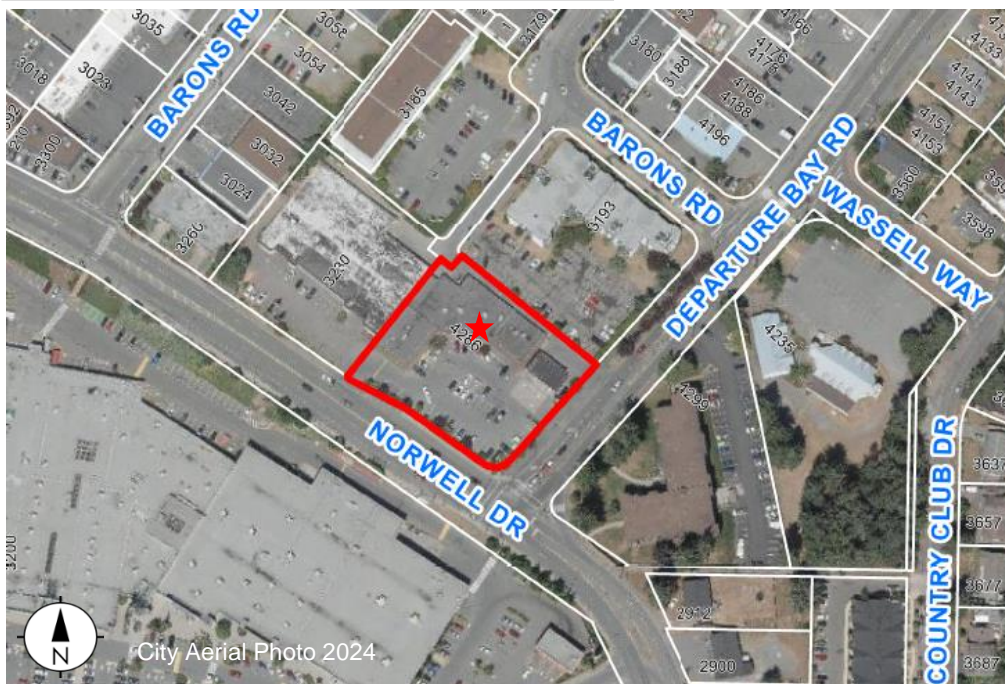
**Proposal:**  
 Consideration of a new liquor licence application



**Zoning:**  
 COR3 – Community Corridor

**City Plan Land Use Designation:**  
 Secondary Urban Centre

**Lot Area:**  
 4,332m<sup>2</sup>



**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 2 – 4286 Departure Bay Road. ]

**Recommendation**

That Council recommend that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch approve the application for a liquor primary licence at Unit 2 – 4286 Departure Bay Road.]

**BACKGROUND**

A notice of application was received from The Rose Nail Bar, on behalf of Kocana Investment 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 Rose Nail Bar, located at Unit 2 - 4286 Departure Bay Road.

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 2026-JAN-12.
- A total of eight comment sheets were received by the City, of which four indicated support of the application, three did not support the application, and one was indifferent to the application. The public comment sheets received are included as Attachment C.
- The liquor licence application was referred to City departments for review and comments, and the responses are discussed in the sections below.

*Location of the Establishment*

The subject property contains an existing multi-tenant commercial development and is located within the Long Lake neighbourhood. Onsite tenants include restaurant and personal service uses. Country Club Centre is located directly across Norwell Drive, and the surrounding area includes a mix of commercial services, a high school, multi-family and seniors care residences.

City Plan designates the property as 'Secondary Urban Centre', and the property is zoned Community Corridor (COR3), which is intended to provide a primary hub of activity with a complementary mix of housing, employment, and services that serve the daily needs of the surrounding neighbourhood.

#### *Person Capacity and Hours of Service*

The proposed hours of liquor service will correspond with the hours of operation for the existing nail salon and spa, which are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The consumption of alcohol is proposed to be within the patron treatment areas, which support a maximum occupant load of nine persons.

#### *Noise and Community Impact*

The application was referred to several City departments for comment, and no safety concerns or community impacts were identified. Given the nature of the business, it is not expected that noise impacts will result from 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.

#### **KEY MESSAGES**

- 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 2026-JAN-12.
- 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: Site and Floor Plans  
ATTACHMENT C: Public Comment Sheets

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