



CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

TO: Planning Committee
FROM: Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning

DATE: February 16, 2001
FILE: 0107-10-01

RE: **Application for Designated Food Optional (DFO) areas at:
Milestone's, #200 - 5951 No 3 Road,
The Boathouse, 8331 River Road, and
The Zone Bowling Centre, 14200 Entertainment Boulevard.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the applications of Milestone's, The Boathouse, and The Zone Bowling Centre to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for Designated Food Optional (DFO) areas be supported, and that the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch be advised:

- (1) of this recommendation; and
- (2) that the R.C.M.P. does not object to the applications.

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R.C.M.P.....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Law.....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	

STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

Milestone's, The Boathouse, and The Zone Bowling Centre, are asking for a resolution of Council supporting their requests to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for Designated Food Optional (DFO) Areas within their dining lounges.

ANALYSIS

The Ministry of Attorney General, Liquor Control and Licencing Branch have announced changes applicable to "B" licenced establishments, as a result of the Liquor Policy Review. The new regulations took effect December 1st. 2000.

The regulations require that "B" licenced dining establishments be primarily engaged in the service of food. Under the new regulations, a licensee may not serve liquor to a person unless the licensee has advised the individual that liquor can only be served if they order and consume food, and the licensee has reasonable grounds on which to conclude the individual will order and consume food. Exceptions to this rule apply in the case of an area licenced as a Designated Food Optional (DFO) Area, or in a primary dining area if a customer is at a table where the majority of persons at that table is ordering food.

Dining room lounges may, after December 1st. 2000, apply to operate a DFO as a separate licenced area in the dining lounge.

The total allowable patron capacity in the DFO is the lesser of 10 percent of the total restaurant patron capacity, and 20 seats.

The DFO area must meet the following criteria:

- A sign must be posted at its entry explaining that it is a DFO area and that minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- The DFO must be visibly distinct from the principle dining area.
- Within the DFO there must be only as many seats as required to accommodate the licenced capacity of the area.
- The DFO may be located anywhere in the licenced floor area. However, if the establishment has a service bar with stools or chairs, The DFO area must be located at the service bar.

Milestone's capacity is 200 seats and the DFO area is for 20 patrons.

The boathouse capacity is 213 seats and the DFO area is for 20 patrons.

The Zone Bowling Centre seating capacity is 131 seats and the DFO area is for 13 patrons.

The Liquor Control and Licencing Branch requires, as a condition precedent to the granting of a licence for the DFO areas, that the applicant obtains a resolution of support from Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

CONCLUSION

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That the request from Milestone's, The Boathouse, and The Zone Bowling Centre, asking for a resolution of Council supporting their requests to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for Designated Food Optional (DFO) Areas be supported.



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