



To: Planning Committee. Date: March 28, 2003
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Manager, Zoning
Re: **Application for an extension of liquor service hours from 12 midnight to 4 : 00 a.m. for Insomnic Karaoke Restaurant at Unit 100 – 7911 Alderbridge Way.**

Staff Recommendation

That the application by Insomnic Karaoke Restaurant to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for an extension of Liquor service hours from 12 midnight to 4:00 a.m. **NOT BE SUPPORTED**, and that the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch be advised:

(i) The potential for noise has been reviewed and it is determined that, the noise factor currently generated from establishments is at times unacceptable, and any extension of hours would compound the issue.

(ii) The impact on the community has been reviewed, and determined that, extension of late night hours is not in the best interests of Richmond and its residents, citing increased noise issues, (which is already a concern from bars closing at regular hours now), transportation issues, and a major drain on police resources to deal with the issues.

(iii) The residents, and, with few exceptions, the licencees are quite happy and content with the hours of operation that are currently in place.

(iv) The RCMP are on record that current police resources do not exist to deal with the late night service of liquor at this time, and, with a 4:00 a.m. last service, patrons could consume to 4:30 a.m. and be leaving with limited availability of taxis, transit and other alternative transportation.

(v) This establishment has been in contravention of smoking and liquor related bylaws.

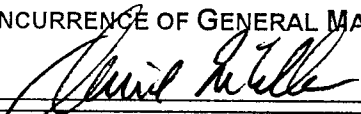
Joint inspection team of Richmond RCMP, Provincial Liquor board and City Inspectors carried out inspections Friday 21st March on businesses that are constantly violating bylaws. The subject premise was cited for permitting smoking, operating contrary to primary purpose, (serving more liquor than food), over – serving alcohol, offering drink specials contrary to liquor laws, being over capacity, and failing to request identification. Clear indications that no extension of hours should be permitted.

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Staff Report

Origin

Staff have received applications from six restaurants asking for a resolution from Council supporting their applications to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for extension of liquor serving hours beyond the existing 12 midnight closing.

CIISKY Restaurant 130/140 8291 Westminster Highway to extend from 12 midnight to 2:00 a.m.

Wing Kee Restaurant 6260 No 3 Road to extend from 12 midnight to 3:00 a.m.

Insomnic Karaoke Restaurant 100 – 7911 Alderbridge Way to extend from 12 midnight to 4:00 a.m.

HKYK Seafood Hot Pot Restaurant 120 – 4260 No 3 Road to extend from 12 midnight to 4:00 a.m.

Liu Fu Lau Seafood Hot Pot Restaurant 210 – 8080 Leslie Road to extend from 12 midnight to 4:00 a.m.

Rendezvous Café 1101 – 3779 Sexsmith Road to extend from 12 midnight to 4:00 a.m.

Analysis

December 2nd, 2002 major changes to the Liquor Control and Licencing Regulations came into effect.

Among those changes was the provision for changes of Hours of Operation. Licencees may apply to the LCLB to operate their establishment at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., subject to a local government resolution. The LCLB will only approve late night hours (until 4:00 a.m.) if they are supported by Local Government.

At the General Purposes Committee on 19th, February 2003 staff were instructed to prepare necessary Bylaws to restrict extension of late night hours beyond those currently in place.

2:00 a.m. Liquor service Monday to Saturday, and midnight Sundays for Lounges, and Clubs.

12 midnight for Restaurants. and

12 midnight Sunday to Thursday and 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday for Neighbourhood Public Houses.

The Liquor Control and Licencing Branch has advised that, despite Council's position, a Resolution of Council is still required for each individual application that is made for extended

hours, and staff have prepared the resolutions, taking Council's direction that extension of liquor serving hours past those already in place not be supported.

Financial Impact

If the resolution is adopted as presented there is none.

If Council wishes to allow extended hours beyond those currently in place there is the potential that current police resources do not exist to deal with late night service of liquor, and, while not identified yet, there could be added policing costs.

Conclusion

The BC Government has made regulatory changes to the Liquor Control and Licencing Act which could affect the City, its resources, and policies.

Following the direction presented by the General Purposes Committee, Council adopt the resolutions that they do not support any extension of late night operating hours beyond those already in place.



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