



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To:	Richmond City Council	Date:	May 19 th , 2004
From:	Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie Chair, General Purposes Committee	File:	12-8275-30-009/Vol 01
Re:	VIVA CLUB EXTENSION OF HOURS		

The General Purposes Committee, at its meeting held on Monday, May 17th, 2004, considered the attached report, and recommends as follows:

Committee Recommendation

- (1) *That the application to amend the liquor licence to extend the hours of operation for the Viva Club at 7920 Cambie Road NOT be supported, (for reasons outlined in the report dated May 6, 2004 from the Manager, Customer Services).*
- (2) *That staff review the status of the offences at the various premises which have liquor licences to determine whether corrective action could be taken, if any.*

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
General Purposes Committee

Attach.

VARIANCE

Please note that staff recommended Part (1) above.

Staff Report

Origin

The provincial Liquor Control and Licencing Branch (LCLB) issues licences under the authority of the Liquor Control and Licencing Act and Regulations.

The LCLB, notifies local government to give them the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations to the LCLB on all liquor licence applications.

This report will deal with the application from Viva Club at 7920 Cambie Rd requesting an extension of hours on Sunday through Thursday until 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturdays until 3:30 a.m.

Analysis

Viva Club has applied to the Province to extend their hours of operations Sunday through Thursday until 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday until 3:30 a.m. Presently the hours of operation are 7:00 p.m. to 12 midnight Sunday, Monday through Saturday 7:00 p.m to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Provincial Liquor Licensing process requires the City to provide resolution based on the comments received from the residents and agencies in the City in the following areas:

- the potential for noise
- impact on the community
- views of the residents

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

Item	Details	Comments
Application	189227Liquor Lic # Business Lic 000667	
Location	7920 Cambie Rd	
Zoning	C6	
Owner	Jim Chan	
Establishment Name	Viva Club	
Request	Extension of Hours Sun- Thurs until 2:00a.m. & Fri - Sat until 3:30 a.m.	
Date Received	March 2004	
Notice Sign	March 12, 2004	
Advertisements in Paper	March 17, 20, 24 2004	
Letters to residents	March 16, 2004	

The public process required the posting of a sign notifying the public of the application for a minimum of thirty days; three advertisements placed in the local paper and letters sent to residents within 50 metres of the establishment requesting their comments on the extension of hours for the Viva Club. The thirty-day time frame lapsed April 16th, 2004.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

	Details	Comments
Comments from the residents	<p>Resident's views were gathered as outlined in the process above. Five (5) letters were received (Attached)</p> <p>1 letter objects; and 4 letters are in agreement.</p> <p>Those in agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ one is from the landlord ○ one from Broco Auto Glass; Hanson Travel and ○ the final one with no comments 	<p>The objections from the residents were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ crime and other activities, which create problems. <p>The letter from the landlord states they are good tenants and the others reference them as good neighbours.</p>
RCMP Comments	<p>The RCMP was asked to comment on this establishment and the calls related to Viva Club.</p>	<p>Police have attended Viva Club 46 times in the past 2 years. The offences have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ impaired driving, ○ assaults, ○ assaults with weapons causing bodily harm, ○ assault against the police, ○ firearm related offences including discharge of firearms ○ overcrowding ○ over service and ○ minors ○ gang activity involving firearms and drugs. <p>The impact of these call outs drastically impact the RCMP resources throughout the City and a direct to the City. With an increase in hours the problems and cost to the city would increase.</p>

Since the introduction of the new Provincial Liquor regulations, Council has expressed a strong concern against extension of hours for liquor establishments in Richmond. Research from the City of Vancouver shows the additional costs and the tax on staff resources that are born by the city when hours are extended to establishments.

Staff recommend that the request for extension of hours by the Viva Club be denied for the following reasons:

- Increase in police manpower, which is an additional cost to the City. Police resources do not exist to deal with the extension of hours and the negative impact extended hours has on the community.
- Negative impact on community of Richmond at large based on the activities sited by the RCMP.
- Increase in crime and gang activity involving firearms and drugs.
- Increase in violent crime and assaults with weapons as stated in the police comments.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Staff have completed all necessary reviews and recommend Council not extend hours of operation for the Viva Club at 7920 Cambie Rd. due to the reasons stated.



Anne Stevens
Manager, Customer Services
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12 April 2004

The City of Richmond
Permits Section
Liquor Licence Applications
6911 No. 3 Rd
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Re: Speed Investment Ltd.

We are writing to express our concern regarding the application to extend the liquor sale hours for this business operating under the name of Viva Club at 7920 Cambie Rd.

One just has to watch the news to see crime and other activity occurring late into the evening in the city of Vancouver, to realize it will only be a matter of time before it becomes more of a problem in our city as well. We no longer feel safe on our city streets later at night. Just look at the late night speeding which happens regularly up Gilbert.

In the Richmond News, April 10, 2004 edition, page 8, Councillor Derek Dang states "our fire and police costs have been exceeding our target. This council has to find the means to finance these ... very important departments." What more strain will this have on our policing costs to have this location open later selling alcohol.

We do not want this licence approved.

Randy and Lucille Folkeringa
252-7293 Moffatt Rd
Richmond, BC V6Y 3E4

CONWAY RICHMOND LTD.

April 1, 2004

The City of Richmond
Permits Section
Liquor Licence Applications
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Attention: Ann Stevens

Dear Sirs:

Re: Viva Club - Application to Extend Hours
7920 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC

Conway Richmond Ltd. and Progressive Construction Ltd. are the owners of the lands at 7920 Cambie Road / 4151 No. 3 Road. There are two tenants on this property: Viva Club and Tim Horton's. Viva Club has applied to the City of Richmond to extend their hours as follows:

Sunday through Thursday: to 2:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday: to 3:30 a.m.

Viva Club has reported that their sales have decreased dramatically since the Vancouver club hours were extended to 4:00 a.m. Many patrons simply now go to Vancouver for the opportunity of extended hours. Viva Club believes their business survival requires them to have a level playing field with the competition in Vancouver.

We have never received a liability insurance claim on either persons or property regarding Viva Club or their business. Premier Security provides parking security on-site for both Viva Club and Tim Horton's from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. They have not indicated any problems or incidents in their weekly reports to our office. If Viva Club's hours are extended, the parking security will be extended accordingly.

We have spoken to Mike Raspberry, the Franchisee Owner of Tim Horton's, who has indicated his support of the extended hours.

Viva Club is a night club, not a pub, and is located in a commercial area away from residences.

As Viva Club's Landlords, we support their application for extension of hours at their location.

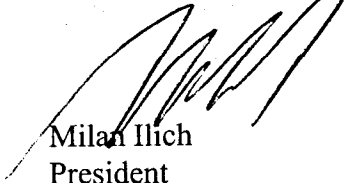
Yours truly,
CONWAY RICHMOND LTD.



Lorraine Palmer
General Manager

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PROGRESSIVE CONSTRUCTION LTD.



Milan Illich
President

Broco Auto Glass
4071 #3 Road
Richmond B.C. V6X 2C3
604-278-6400

To Whom It May Concern:

We at Broco Auto Glass located at 4071 # 3 Road, neighbors of Viva Night Club, are writing you today to let you know that our relationship with Viva Night Club could not be any better! We have been at this location for years now, and till this day we have not had any problems, no break-ins, and no vandalism! They respect our property and more importantly there clients respect our property. I personally have been there and the crowd is amazing and very friendly! Being the neighbor of Viva Night Club we have no problem of the club being open late! Thank You

Management

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29 March 2004

The Manager,
The City of Richmond
Permit Section
Liquor Licence Applications
6911 No 3 Road
Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1

Dear Sir:

Re:Liquor Licence Amendment Application
VIVA CLUB at 7920 Cambie Road Richmond

We operate a travel agency at 7680 River Road, Richmond, BC and our business hours are 10 am to 6 pm. The VIVA Club is right next door to us on Cambie Road in Richmond.

We write to support Mr. Danny SIU in his application for extended hours for VIVA CLUB.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours truly,

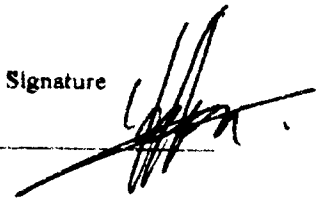
Agnes Hoi Yin YAU
General Manager

Business Name

Signature

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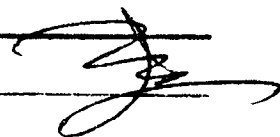
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John Bastiaanssen

Superintendent

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Business Name

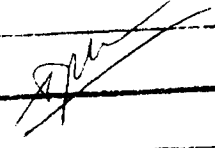
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