



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

**To:** General Purposes Committee  
**From:** Anne Stevens  
 Manager, Customer Services  
**Re:** **Zodiac Karaoke**  
**155-8291 Alexandra Road**  
**Extension of Hours**

**Date:** June 15, 2004  
**File:** 12-8275-30-010/Vol 01

**Staff Recommendation**

That City Council NOT support the application to amend the liquor licence for J&B Investments doing business as Zodiac Karaoke at 155 – 8291 Alexandra Road for reasons outlined in the staff report dated June 15, 2004 from the Manager, Customer Service.

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| Law .....                         | Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> |                             |                        |   |                             |
| <b>REVIEWED BY TAG</b>            | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>REVIEWED BY CAO</b> | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Staff Report

### Origin

The provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) issues licences under the authority of the Liquor Control and Licensing 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 Zodiac Karaoke at 155-8291 Alexandra Road requesting an extension of hours for the sale of liquor.

### Analysis

Zodiac Karaoke has applied to the Province to extend their hours of operations for liquor service, Sunday through Thursday until 2:00 a.m. and Fridays and Saturday until 3:00 a.m. The present hours of operation are Sunday 7:00 p.m. to 12 midnight, and Monday through Saturday 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The present licence is Karaoke Cabaret.

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  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Application             | 162535 Liquor Lic #<br>Business Lic 931944   |
| Location                | 155 – 8291 Alexandra Road  |
| Zoning                  | C6   |
| Owner                   | J&B Investments  |
| Establishment Name      | Zodiac Karaoke   |
| Request                 | Extension of Hours-Sunday-Thursday until 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday until 3:00 a.m. |
| Date Received           | March 2004   |
| Notice Sign             | March 12, 2004   |
| Advertisements in Paper | March 24,27,31 2004  |
| Letters to residents    | March 24, 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 Zodiac Karaoke. The thirty-day time frame has lapsed.

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS**

|                                     | <b>Details</b>   | <b>Comments</b>   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Comments from the residents         | Resident's views were gathered as outlined in the process above.                             | There were no comments received from the residents.   |
| RCMP Comments                       | The RCMP was asked to comment on this establishment and the calls related to Zodiac Karaoke. | Police records indicate that the RCMP have attended Zodiac Karaoke several times in the past 2 years. The offences have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ impaired driving</li> <li>○ assaults</li> <li>○ assaults with weapons causing bodily harm</li> <li>○ firearm related offences including discharge of firearm in the parking lot</li> <li>○ theft of automobiles</li> <li>○ disturbing the peace</li> <li>○ over crowding</li> <li>○ over service</li> <li>○ minors .</li> </ul> The impact of these calls outs drastically impact the RCMP resources throughout the City and have a direct cost to the City. With an increase in hours the problems and cost to the city would increase. |
| Health Department                   | Health comments  | Health has issued a few tickets relating to smoking violations. The City has also issued tickets for the same offence.  |
| City of Richmond                    |  | The City reviewed the violations in accordance with the Public Health Bylaw No. 6989 and a hearing was held to review the case. The City suspended the licence from March 1 through March 7, 2004   |
| Liquor Control and Licensing Branch |  | Liquor license was suspended for one business day in 2003.  |

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 J&B Investments Ltd doing business as Zodiac Karaoke 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 and Health Dept.
- Increase in assaults and crime involving firearms.
- Disturbing the peace and serving minors.
- Suspension of business licence and liquor license as outlined in the table above.

#### **Financial Impact**

None at this time

#### **Conclusion**

Staff have completed all necessary reviews and recommend Council not extend hours of operation for liquor service for J&B Investments doing business as Zodiac Karaoke at 155 – 8291 Alexandra Road due to the reasons stated.



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