



To: Planning Committee Date: August 6, 2002
 From: Alan Clark File: 0107-10-01
 Manager, Zoning
 Re: **Application for a permanent change to a Class "B" Liquor Licence to allow for entertainment at 7551 Westminster Highway.**

Staff Recommendation

That the application by the Richmond Hotel to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for a permanent change to a Class "B" Liquor Licence to allow for entertainment be supported, and that the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch be advised:

- (I) of this recommendation; and
- (ii) that the R.C.M.P. does not object.

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Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning

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R.C.M.P. <i>CPL. KEVIN JONES</i>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>[Signature]</i>

Staff Report

Origin

Best Western Richmond Inn and Convention Centre are asking for a resolution of Council supporting their application to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for a permanent change to their Class "B" Liquor licence to allow for entertainment at 7551 Westminster Highway.

Analysis

The existing liquor licence does not allow for entertainment in the Hotel banquet rooms.

The Hotel has made application to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch for a permanent change to their Class "B" Liquor Licence to permit entertainment, and list the following as potential types of entertainment to be provided.

* DJ and Dance.

* Live Band; and

* Comedy Act.

The list, even though minimal, covers 99% of the entertainment to be featured at the Hotel on an annual basis.

The Liquor Control and Licencing Branch is requiring, as a condition precedent to the granting of the permanent change to the Class "B" Liquor Licence, that the applicant obtain a resolution of support from City Council.

Financial Impact

Nil.

Conclusion

The Richmond Inn has been a landmark in the community for the past 30 years, and an industrial leader for the same period.

It is vital for the Hotel operation to change with the times, and to be able to cater such events as corporate parties, weddings and functions where entertainment is expected.

The property is zoned Downtown Commercial District (C7), which permits the uses, and staff can offer no reason why the request cannot be supported.

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