



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee
From: Amarjeet Rattan
Manager, Business Liaison

To Planning - Sept 18, 2007
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File: 12-8275-30-008

Re: Great Canadian Casino located at 8811 River Road
Application to relocate the Dock Marlin Pub liquor primary licence

Staff Recommendation

That Council support the application before the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for the relocation of the Liquor Primary licence and that a letter supporting the relocation be forwarded to the Liquor Control & Licensing Branch.

Amarjeet S. Rattan
Manager, Business Liaison

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Staff Report

Origin

The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) which issues licences in accordance with the Liquor Control & Licence Act Regulation, notifies local government of liquor licence applications and amendments to give them an opportunity to comment on the proposed application. If local government wishes to comment, a resolution must be received from Council. This resolution must address the following criteria;

- the views of nearby residents and businesses and the method by which they were gathered;
- the potential for noise and;
- the impact on the community.

The General Manager of LCLB advises that for some liquor licence amendments, LCLB has determined that *“the relocation to a new address is unlikely to change the site and community assessment factors – for instance, the relocation is within close proximity to the exiting location”* and for this reason, LCLB does not require a resolution from Council only that the City does not object to the application.

Analysis

The Great Canadian Casino has an application with LCLB to move the Liquor Primary licence of Dock Marlin’s Pub from the building located directly behind the hotel/casino to inside the hotel/casino (see attached plan).

The General Manager of LCLB advises that they are not seeking a full community assessment from the City in response to the relocation and have, in principal, approved the application. LCLB have determined, through their policy, that the relocation will not change the site and community assessment factors previously done.

The Great Canadian Casino currently has six liquor licences. In 1995 the City required the company to go through the community assessment process, in keeping with the Development Permit Bylaw, for a Patron Participation Endorsement to a Food Primary Licence and for structural changes to the Liquor-Primary licence to include additional licensed areas as part of Phase II of the casino resort development. As there was no response from the community at that time, a resolution from Council in support of the application was granted.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

This report deals with the application before LCLB for the Great Canadian Casino to move a liquor primary from a building behind the hotel-casino to inside hotel casino.

LCLB Staff are of the opinion that the relocation will have no impact on the community and are not requiring a community assessment from the applicant. City Staff are of the opinion that, under the circumstances, asking the applicant to do a community assessment would be redundant. Staff feel that the relocation can be approved without going through the assessment and that Council could support this relocation.

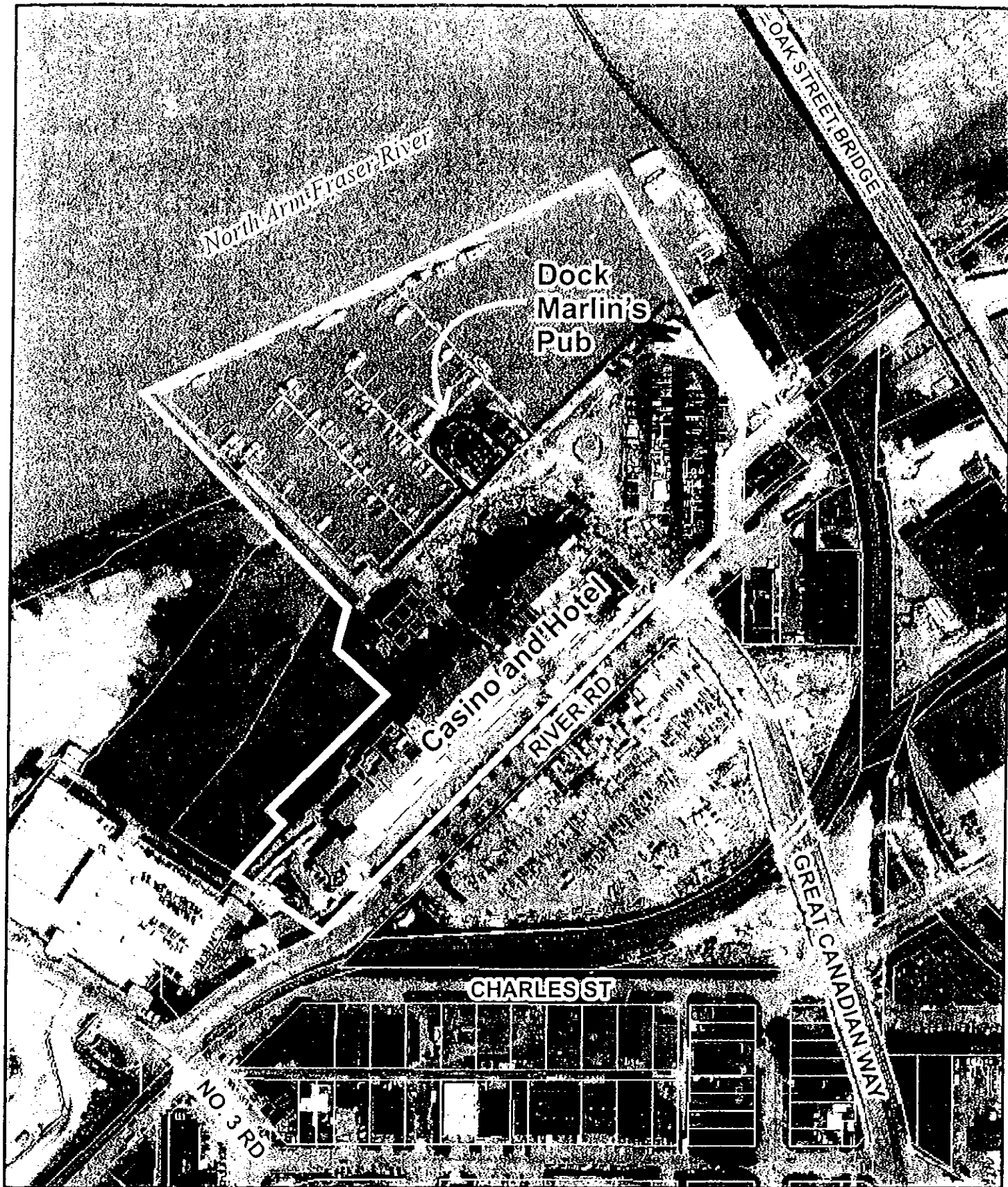
Alternatively, Council can direct staff to have Great Canadian Casino go through the City's community assessment, which would require the Casino to:

- post a sign for a 30 day period, displaying the change;
- publishing a notice in the local paper for 3 consecutive issues indicating the change;
- submit an application and fee to the City for the relocation;
- canvassing area resident/businesses within a 100 metre range for comment on the change.



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Licence Inspector

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Great Canadian Casino/ Dock Marlin's Pub

Original Date: 09/12/07

Amended Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES