



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee

From: Bruce Murray
Supervisor, Zoning & Signs

Re: **Wet Restaurant**
Unit 165 - 8460 Alexandra Road
Extension of hours

Date: August 24, 2004

File: 12-8275-30-001-2004
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Staff Recommendation

That the application from Mr. Eugene Ng operator of the Wet Restaurant at unit 165 – 8460 Alexandra Road for the following hours of operation:

Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.,
Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
and Sunday 11 a.m. to midnight

be supported for the reason outlined in the staff report dated August 24, 2004 from the Supervisor, Zoning & Signs.

Bruce Murray
Supervisor, Zoning & Signs (4085)
Customer Service Department

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REVIEWED BY TAG	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	REVIEWED BY CAO	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Staff Report

Origin

The provincial Liquor and Licencing Branch (LCLB) issues licences under authority of the Liquor Control and Licencing Act 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 Mr. Eugene Ng, operator of the Wet Restaurant at unit 165 – 8460 Alexandra Road, who is requesting an extension of hours of operation Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Analysis

Wet Restaurant has applied to the Province to extend their hours of operations Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Although the applicant has requested an extension to the hours of operation regarding Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., staff have made him aware that a Sunday 1 a.m. closing would not be supported. Staff have reviewed other businesses operating in the area and could only support Sunday from 11 a.m. to midnight in order to be consistent with the status quo. Wet Restaurant is zoned Automobile-Oriented Commercial District (C6).

The provincial Liquor Licensing process requires the City to provide resolution based on the comments received from 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	Liquor Lic. # 300898
Location	Unit 165 – 8460 Alexandra Road
Zoning	C-6
Owner	Mr. Eugene Ng
Establishment Name	Wet Restaurant
Request	Extension of Hours – Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Date Received	August 3, 2004
Notice Sign	July 31, 2004 to September 7, 2004

Advertisements in Paper	August 4, 11 and 18, 2004
Letters to residents	July 19, 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 Wet Restaurant. The thirty-day time frame has lapsed.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

	Details	Comments
Comments from the residents	Letters were sent to the residents in the neighbourhood as per Council resolution.	There has been no response from the residents to date.
RCMP Comments	The RCMP was asked to comment on this application	There are no concerns at this time for the proposed extension to change the serving hours.
Health Department	Health Department was asked to comment	No issues to date from Health
Fire Department	Fire Department was asked to comment	No issues to date from Fire

The Wet Restaurant is located on Alexandra Road zoned Automobile-Oriented District (C-6), all of the properties adjacent to this site are zoned C6.

Since the introduction of the new Provincial Liquor Regulations, Council has expressed a strong concern against extension of hours beyond 2:00 a.m. for liquor establishments in Richmond. Research from the City of Vancouver shows the additional costs and the impact extended hours has on staff resources. These costs are born by the city when hours are extended to establishments.

Staff have taken the RCMP comments; the location of this establishment and the hours of other restaurant establishments into consideration and see no impact for noise or negative impact on the community should the hours be extended. Staff recommends that the Wet Restaurant be considered for extension of hours Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to midnight. There appears to be no negative responses from any of the other agencies, business owners or the residents in the area to this request.

Financial Impact

None at this time.

Conclusion

Staff have reviewed all necessary reviews and recommend Council extend the hours of operation for the Wet Restaurant at unit 165 – 8460 Alexandra Road from the current hours of operation Monday to Sunday 11 a.m. to Midnight to the proposed new hours of Monday to Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to midnight.



Bruce Murray
Supervisor, Zoning & Signs (4085)

Murray, Bruce

From: Murray, Bruce
Sent: September 9, 2004 8:35 AM
To: 'jas.buttar@rcmp-grc.gc.ca'
Subject: RE: Proposed extension to change to hours of operation to serve liquor

Hi, Jas

Thanks for your response. I think this E-mail should suffice rather a formal memo on this application and thank for your assistance.
Have a great day. Bruce Murray

-----Original Message-----

From: Jas Buttar [mailto:jas.buttar@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 27, 2004 1:13 PM
To: Murray, Bruce
Subject: RE: Proposed extension to change to hours of operation to serve liquor

Hi Bruce,

Sorry for the delay in replying. We have no concerns at this time for the proposed extension to change the serving hours.

Thank You

Jas Buttar, Cst

>>> "Murray, Bruce" <BMurray@richmond.ca> 08/19/04 11:35AM >>>
Thanks, Jas

-----Original Message-----

From: Jas Buttar [mailto:jas.buttar@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 19, 2004 11:28 AM
To: Murray, Bruce
Subject: Re: Proposed extension to change to hours of operation to serve liquor

Hi Bruce,

I will check our data base for any complaint history with this establishment and get back to you. We are generally not in favour of extended hours and in case we do not have any complaint history with this establishment, I will forward you a memo with our general concerns. Hope that works for you.

Thank You,
Jas Buttar
604-765-5725 (Cell)
604-278-1212 (2432) Office

>>> "Murray, Bruce" <BMurray@richmond.ca> 08/19/04 11:05AM >>>
Hi, Jas

I'm Bruce Murray - Supervisor, Zoning & Signs at the City of Richmond and I am currently working on a report for Anne Stevens the Manager of Customer Service for the proposed extension to the hours of operation to serve liquor at the following location.

8460 Alexandra Road - Unit 165
Name of restaurant is - Wet Restaurant
Applicant is Eugene Ng
Home address is 3071 East Vancouver

Vancouver B.C. V5R-3C8

Phone: W. (604) 233-6969, H. (604) 435-0211 C. (604) 506-8247

Current hours of liquor sales - Monday to Sunday, 11 am to Midnight

Proposed amendment to hours of operation - Monday to Wednesday, 11 am to 1 am, Thursday to Saturday, 11 am to 2 am and Sunday, 11 am to 1 am

* Could you E-mail me a response regarding any RCMP concerns regarding this location.

Thanks,

Bruce Murray - Supervisor, Zoning & Signs (604) 276-4085 Loc. 4085
Customer Service Department
City of Richmond