



To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** April 23, 2018
From: Carli Edwards, P.Eng. **File:** 12-8275-30-001/2018-
Manager, Community Bylaws and Licencing Vol 01
Re: **Application to Request a Food Primary Entertainment Endorsement For
Food-Primary Liquor Licence # 139438 - Richmond Country Club - 9100
Steveston Hwy**

Staff Recommendation

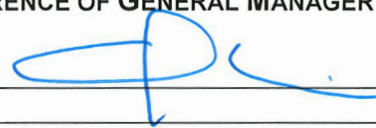

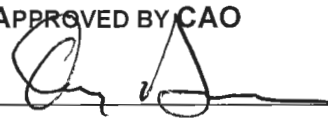
- 1) That the application from Richmond Country Club, operating at 9100 Steveston Hwy, requesting a Food-Primary Entertainment Endorsement for Patron Participation to Food-Primary Liquor Licence # 139438, to enable patrons to dance at the establishment, be supported, and;
- 2) That a letter be sent to Liquor Control and Licensing Branch advising that:
 - a) Council supports the amendment for a Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement on Food-Primary Liquor Licence # 139438 as the endorsement will not have a significant impact on the community;
 - b) The hours of liquor sales will remain the same at:
 - i) 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM, Monday to Saturday;
 - ii) 9:00 AM to Midnight, Sunday;
 - c) The new seating capacity for the food primary portion of the licence will be increased to 694 persons indoors and 190 persons patio;
- 3) Council's comments on the prescribed criteria (Section 71 of the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulations) are as follows:
 - a) The potential for additional noise and traffic in the area was considered;
 - b) The impact on the community was assessed through a community consultation process; and
 - c) Given that there has been no history of non-compliance with the operation, the amendment to permit patron participation entertainment endorsement under the Food Primary Liquor Licence should not change the establishment such that it is operated contrary to its primary purpose;
 - d) As the operation of a licenced establishment may affect nearby residents, businesses and property owners, the impact assessment was conducted through the City's community consultation process as follows:

- i) Residents, businesses and property owners within a 50 meter radius of the subject property were notified by letter. The letter provided information on the application with instructions on how to submit comments or concerns; and
 - ii) Signage was posted at the subject property and three public notices were published in a local newspaper. The signage and public notice provided information on the application with instructions on how comments or concerns could be submitted.
- e) Council's comments and recommendations respecting the view of the residents, businesses and property owners are as follows:
- i) The community consultation process was completed as part of the application process; and
 - ii) The community consultation process resulted in no comments or views submitted from residents, businesses and property owners.
- f) Council recommends the approval of the permanent change to add patron participation entertainment endorsement to the Food Primary Licence for the reasons that the addition of the endorsement proposed is acceptable to the majority of the residents, businesses and property owners in the area and the community.



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Staff Report

Origin

The Provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) issues licences in accordance with the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* (the Act) and the Regulations made pursuant to the Act.

This report deals with an application to the LCLB and the City of Richmond by, Richmond Country Club, for the following amendment to its Food Primary Liquor Licence No. 139438:

- To add patron participation entertainment endorsement to the food primary liquor licence which must end by midnight; and
- To re-allocate seats between the liquor primary and food primary portions of the license resulting in a new seating person capacity for the food primary of 694 persons for indoor seating and 190 persons for patio seating.

The City of Richmond is given the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations to the LCLB with respect to liquor licence applications and amendments. For an amendment to a Food Primary Licence, the process requires the local government to provide comments with respect to the following criteria:

- the potential for noise,
- the impact on the community; and
- whether the amendment may result in the establishment being operated in a manner that is contrary to its primary purpose.

Analysis

Richmond Country Club has operated the establishment, with a positive record within the community with both, a Food Primary and a Liquor Primary Liquor Licence. The intent of this application is to increase the person capacity covered by the Food Primary Liquor Licence while also decreasing the number of seats in the liquor primary. Further, Richmond Country Club is requesting a patron participation entertainment endorsement. The applicant's proposed permanent changes to add patron participation and new person capacity to the Food Primary Liquor Licence, initiates a process to seek local government approval.

The current licencing for the Richmond Country Club allows 306 seats covered by the Food Primary Licence and 920 seats in the Liquor Primary Licence. The proposed reallocation of seats is an overall decrease, resulting in 884 seats, (694 inside and 190 patio) for the Food Primary Licence and 281 seats for the Liquor Primary Licence.

The property is zoned Golf Course (GC) and the use of a clubhouse with food and beverage services are consistent with the permitted uses in this zoning district. Richmond Country Club is a Private club, open to members only. Richmond Country Club is located in a pristine golf course located off of Steveston Hwy.

The applicant's request for a patron participation entertainment endorsement for the food primary licence is to enable patrons to dance at the establishment. This would add greater flexibility to the venue.

Impact of Noise on the Community

The location of this establishment is such that there should be no noise impact on the community. The patron participation entertainment must end by Midnight and the establishment should not operate contrary to its primary purpose as a food primary establishment.

Impact on the Community

The community consultation process for reviewing applications for liquor related licences is prescribed by the Development Application Fees Bylaw 8951 which under Section 1.8.1 calls for:

1.8.1 Every **applicant** seeking approval from the **City** in connection with:

- (a) a licence to serve liquor under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act and Regulations*;
must proceed in accordance with subsection 1.8.2.

1.8.2 Pursuant to an application under subsection 1.8.1, every **applicant** must:

- (a) post and maintain on the subject property a clearly visible sign which indicates:
 - (i) type of licence or amendment application;
 - (ii) proposed person capacity;
 - (iii) type of entertainment (if application is for patron participation entertainment); and
 - (iv) proposed hours of liquor service; and
- (c) publish a notice in at least three consecutive editions of a newspaper that is distributed at least weekly in the area affected by the application, providing the same information required in subsection 1.8.2(b) above.

The required signage was posted on March 21, 2018 and three advertisements were published in the local newspaper on March 22, 2018, March 29, 2018 and April 5, 2018.

In addition to the advertised signage and public notice requirements, staff sent letters to businesses, residents and property owners within a 50 meter radius of the establishment. On March 12, 2018, 33 letters were sent to residents, businesses and property owners. The letter provided information on the proposed liquor licence application and contained instructions to comment on the application. The period for commenting for all public notifications ended April 21, 2018.

As a result of the community consultative process described, the City has not received any responses opposed to this application.

Other Agency Comments

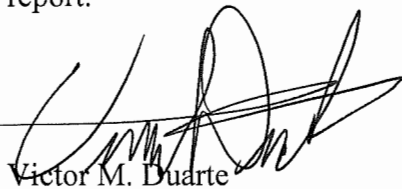
As part of the review process, staff requested comments from other agencies and departments such as Vancouver Coastal Health, Richmond R.C.M.P., Richmond Fire-Rescue, Building Approvals and the Business Licence Department. These agencies and departments generally provide comments on the compliance history of the applicant's operations and premises. No concerns were raised by these agencies.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

The results of the community consultation process of Richmond Country Club's application for patron participation entertainment endorsement, was reviewed based on the LCLB criteria. The analysis concluded there would be no noticeable potential impact from noise, no significant impact to the community and no concerns raised by City departments, other agencies or the public. Richmond Country Club has operated in the community for over 40 years with no noted negative community impact. Staff recommend approval of the application to permit a patron participation entertainment endorsement and to allocate the seating capacity as described in this report.

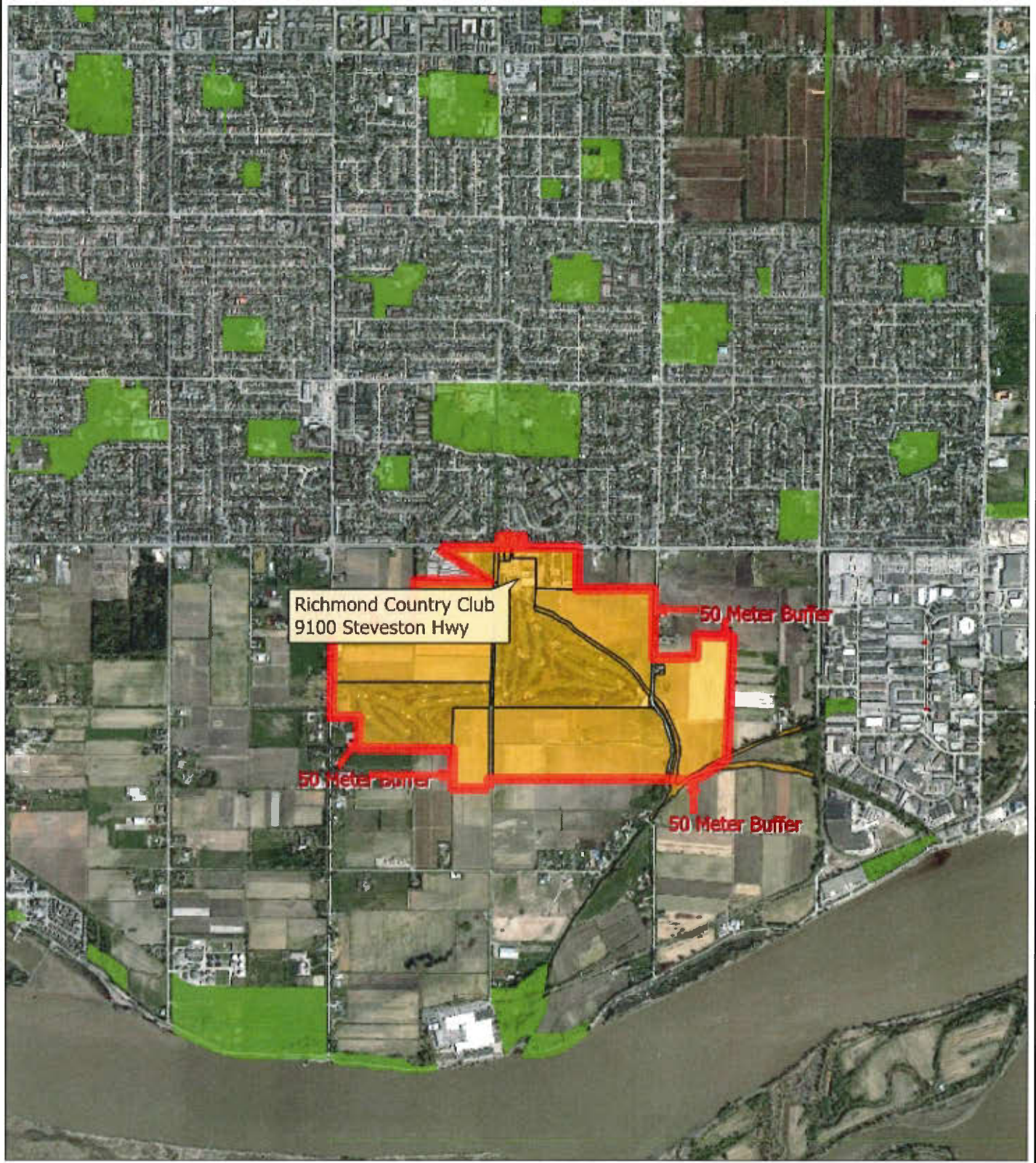


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