



To:	General Purposes Committee	Date:	July 13, 2026
From:	Anthony Capuccinello Iraci General Manager, Law and Community Safety	File:	12-8375—3/2025-Vol 01
Re:	Application To Amend Liquor Primary Liquor Licence # 308690 - Change of Hours of Liquor Service (Outside Service Hours) SSP Canada Food Services Inc., DBA: Romer's Burger Bar - 3880 Grant McConachie Way (Post Security)		

Staff Recommendations

1. That the application from SSP Canada Food Services Inc., doing business as, Romer's Burger Bar, seeking a permanent amendment to Liquor Primary Liquor Licence # 308690, increasing their hours of liquor service from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Monday to Sunday, to 24 hours service, (Outside Service Hours) be supported; and
2. That a letter be sent to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, which includes the information as set out in Attachment 1 to this report, advising that Council recommends the approval of the amendment to the Liquor Primary Liquor Licence as described in Recommendation 1 of this report.

Executive Summary

This Report requests that Council endorse amending the existing Liquor Licence for Romer's Burger Bar, with premises located Post Security at YVR Airport, to allow for 24-hour liquor service. Council's endorsement is required by the Liquor Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for all new liquor primaries licences or substantive modifications to existing liquor licences. Should Council choose to endorse this amendment a letter will be sent to the LCRB who has the final authority to approve all such amendments. There are currently eight 24-hour Liquor Licences at Vancouver International Airport.

Staff Report

Origin

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

This Report pertains to an application to the LCRB and the City of Richmond by SSP Canada Food Services Inc., doing business as and hereinafter referred to as, Romer's Burger Bar, for an amendment to the Liquor Primary Liquor Licence # 308690, proposing a change to liquor service hours currently in effect from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Monday to Sunday, to 24 hours service (Outside Service Hours) Monday to Sunday. The total person capacity will remain the same at 70 persons.

The City of Richmond is given the opportunity to provide written comments by way of a resolution to the LCRB with respect to the liquor licence amendment application for an amendment to the Liquor Primary Liquor Licence. The process requires the local government to provide comments with respect to the following criteria:

- the location of the establishment;
- the proximity of the establishment to other social or recreational facilities and public buildings;
- the person capacity and hours of liquor service of the establishment;
- the impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity of the establishment; and
- the impact on the community if the application is approved.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

Analysis

Location of the Establishment

Romer's Burger Bar is situated at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) post-security. The location map is appended as Attachment 2. Romer's Burger Bar is situated at unit B3417.

Proximity of the Establishment to Other Social, Recreational and Public Building

There are no schools, parks or other public buildings near Romer's Burger Bar. Richmond residents are not affected by this business as it is situated in the USA & International Departures Terminal at YVR and only travelers or airport personnel that have gone through post-security can access this establishment.

Person capacity and Hours of Liquor Service of the Establishment

The Romer's Burger Bar is not amending the person capacity currently set at 70 persons. Romer's Burger Bar's operating hours are currently set at, Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Romer's Burger Bar provided a letter of intent appended as Attachment 3. This outlines the unique nature of the location as a post-security area which gets travellers at all hours of the day and many on different time zones. There are also eight other locations in YVR post-security with 24 hour service hours and this would provide a level playing field if permitted.

The Impact of noise on the Community in the Immediate Vicinity of the Establishment

The establishment is located at the USA & International Terminal Building of YVR, in an area already impacted by aircraft noise. This business has been in operation since June of 2025 and no noted issues have been raised. It is staff's belief that no noticeable increase in noise would be present if the increase in hours of liquor service is supported. Being that the business is situated post security at YVR, Richmond residents will not be permitted to frequent this establishment unless they are travelling.

The Impact on the Community if the Application is Approved

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:

- (b) 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 May 27, 2026, and three advertisements were published in the Vancouver Province newspaper on May 28, 2026, May 29, 2026, and May 30, 2026.

In addition to the advertised signage and public notice requirements, staff sent a letter to John Hadley, Manager, Commercial Services, of Vancouver International Authority, for distribution to businesses located at Vancouver International Airport. The letter provided information on the proposed liquor licence application and contained instructions on commenting on the application. The period for commenting for all public notifications ended June 27, 2026. From 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 generally request comments from other agencies and departments such as Vancouver Coastal Health, Richmond RCMP, Richmond Fire-Rescue and Building Approvals. These agencies and departments provide due diligence and an assessment of the risk involved with approving the licence.

Richmond Fire Rescue and Building Approvals have no jurisdiction at YVR and no comment was provided. Vancouver Coastal Health Indicated that they have no concerns with this business. Richmond RCMP deferred this to YVR RCMP, and no concerns were brought forward.

Budgetary Implications

None

Conclusion

Both the community consultation process and due diligence around Romer's Burger Bar proposed amendment application to its Liquor Primary Liquor Licence surfaced no significant risks. The analysis concluded there should be no noticeable potential impact from noise, no significant impact to the community and no comments were received from the public. There were no concerns raised by City departments or other agencies. It is therefore, recommended that the application from Romer's Burger Bar to operate a Liquor Primary Licence with an increase in their hours of liquor service as described in this report be supported.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Corrado, Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing

Report Contributors

This report was prepared by Victor Duarte, Program Manager, Business Licence and reviewed by Business Licence and RCMP.

Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO

Att. 1: Particulars of Application and City Comments

Att. 2: Map of YVR

Att. 3: Letter of Intent

Re: Application to Amend Liquor Primary Liquor Licence # 308690- Change to Hours of Liquor Service (Outside Service Hours) – Romer’s Burger Bar – 3880 Grant McConachie Way. Unit B3417, Richmond, BC

1. That the application from SSP Canada Food Services Inc., doing business as: Romer’s Burger Bar, operating at, 3880 Grant McConachie Way Unit B3417, requesting a change to hours of liquor service (Outside Service Hours) to Liquor Licence # 308690, be supported for:
 - a) A permanent change to hours of liquor service;
 - i. **From**, Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM;
 - ii. **To**, Monday to Sunday, 24 hours Service.
 - b) Total person capacity will remain the same at 70 persons.
2. That a letter be sent to Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch advising that Council supports the amendment for a permanent change to hours of liquor service (Outside Service Hours) to Liquor Primary Liquor Licence # 308690, with the hours as listed above; and
3. Council's comments on the prescribed criteria (Section 71 of the Liquor Control and Licencing Regulations) are as follows:
 - a) The impact of additional noise and traffic in the area of the establishment was considered;
 - b) The potential impact on the community was assessed through a community consultation process;
 - c) There is no history of non-compliance with this establishment;
 - d) As the operation of a licenced establishment may affect nearby residents, businesses and property owners, the City gathered the views of the community through a community consultation process as follows:
 - i) A letter was forwarded to Vancouver International Authority, Manager, Community Services, John Hadley, for distribution to businesses at Vancouver International Airport. 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 newspaper distributed locally. The signage and public notice

provided information on the application with instructions on how to submit comments and concerns.

- e) Council's comments on the general impact of the views of residents, businesses and property owners are as follows:
 - i) The community consultation process was completed within 90 days of the application process; and
 - ii) The community consultation process did not generate any comments and views of residents, businesses and property owners.
- f) Council recommends the approval of the application for the reasons that this application has not been objected to by the majority of the residents, businesses and property owners in the area and community.

1 LEVEL 3 OVERALL FLOOR PLAN
REVISION SCALE: 1/50

January 2, 2026

City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Re: *Letter on Intent – Change to Food Primary Liquor Hours*
SSP Canada Food Services, Inc.
Business License No. 25 014937

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please be advised we have filed an Application for Request to Change Hours to Food Primary Liquor License. The premises is located at Vancouver International Airport. Due to the various times of plane departures, we wish to operate 24 hours a day if possible. This will allow us to provide service to travelling public regardless of when they are travelling. We will not be making any other changes to the method of operation.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Amanda Taylor of Skene Law Firm, P.C.

Sincerely,

SSP CANADA FOOD SERVICES, INC.

By: _____


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