



**To:** General Purposes Committee **Date:** November 27, 2018  
**From:** Carli Williams, P.Eng.  
Manager, Community Bylaws and Licencing **File:** 12-8275-30-001/2018-  
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**Re:** **Application for a New Liquor Primary Liquor Licence From Monster L  
Karaoke Ltd, at 8400 Alexandra Road Unit 130.**

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**Staff Recommendation**

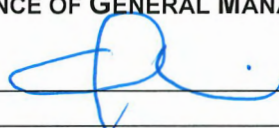

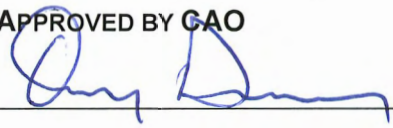
1. That the application from Monster L Karaoke Ltd., for a new Liquor Primary Liquor Licence to operate a karaoke lounge establishment, at premises located at 8400 Alexandra Road Unit 130, with liquor service, be supported for:
  - a) A new Liquor Primary Liquor Licence with primary business focus of entertainment, specifically a karaoke lounge with total person capacity of 50 occupants;
  - b) Liquor service hours for Monday to Sunday, from 9:00 AM to 2:00AM.
2. That a letter be sent to Liquor Control and Licensing Branch advising that:
  - a) Council supports the applicant's new Liquor Primary Liquor Licence application and the hours of liquor service with the conditions as listed above;
  - b) The total person capacity set at 50 occupants is acknowledged;
  - c) Council's comments on the prescribed criteria (Section 71 of the Liquor Control and Licencing Regulations) are as follows:
    - i. The impact of additional noise and traffic in the area of the establishment was considered;
    - ii. The potential impact on the community was assessed through a community consultation process;
    - iii. Given that this is a new business, 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. Residents, businesses and property owners within a 50 metre radius of the establishment 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 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. That based on the number of letters sent and no opposed responses received, Council considers that the approval of this application is acceptable to the majority of the residents, businesses and property owners in the area and the community.



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<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>	
	
<b>REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> 
<b>APPROVED BY GAO</b>	
	

## Staff Report

### Origin

The Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) 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 LCRB and the City of Richmond by Monster L Karaoke Ltd., for a new Liquor Primary Liquor Licence to:

- operate, Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day;
- permit a total person capacity of 50 occupants;
- operate a karaoke establishment with liquor service.

The City is given the opportunity to provide written comments by way of a resolution to the LCRB with respect to the proposed Liquor Primary application. Regulatory criteria a local government must consider are:

- 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 2014-2018 Term Goal #8 Supportive Economic Development Environment:

*8.1. Richmond's policies, programs, and processes are business-friendly.*

### Analysis

#### Location of the Establishment

The applicant is proposing to operate a karaoke Box Room entertainment establishment with food service and a Liquor Primary Liquor Licence. The establishment is located at 8400 Alexandra Road Unit 130. This property is zoned Auto-Oriented Commercial (CA) –with the following permitted uses relevant to this application: liquor primary establishment; recreation, indoor; and restaurant.

The operator has recently purchased an existing karaoke establishment operating without a liquor licence and has no history in the City of Richmond. The primary focus of this establishment will be to operate as a karaoke establishment with food service and a Liquor Primary Liquor Licence from 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM. The target market for this business will be adults primarily between the ages of 20 to 35 and cater to the general public and community of the surrounding area and residents living in Richmond.

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

There are no schools, parks or other public buildings within 500 metres of proposed location for Monster L Karaoke Ltd.

Person capacity and Hours of Liquor Service of the Establishment

The applicant is proposing to operate Monster L Karaoke Ltd with an occupant load of 50 persons. The applicant's proposed operating hours of liquor service under the Liquor Primary Liquor Licence are Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to next day 2:00 AM which is consistent with the City's Policy 9400.

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

The establishment is located on a 2 building parcel with a number of permitted uses such as retail, general; health service, minor and a number of restaurants. It is staff's belief that no noticeable increase in noise would be present if the liquor primary licence application is supported.

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 October 24, 2018 and three advertisements were published in the local newspaper, on October 25, 2018, November 1, 2018 and November 8, 2018.

In addition to the advertised signage and public notice requirements, staff sent letters to residents, businesses and property owners within a 50 metre radius of the new establishment. On October 25, 2018, a total of 236 letters were mailed out 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 November 24, 2018.

As a result of the community consultative process described, the City received no responses.

Other Agency Comments

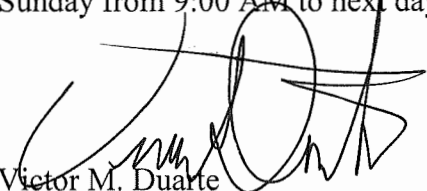
As part of the review process, staff requested comments from other agencies and departments such as Vancouver Coastal Health, Richmond R.C.M.P., Richmond Fire-Rescue and Building Approvals. These agencies and departments generally provide comments on the compliance history of the applicant's operations and premises. No concerns were expressed from any of the agencies or departments regarding this application.

**Financial Impact**

None

**Conclusion**

The results of the community consultation process of Monster L Karaoke Ltd.'s proposed Liquor Primary Licence application was reviewed based on the LCRB criteria. The analysis concluded no responses were received from the public and there should be no noticeable potential impact from noise and no significant impact to the community. Further, no concerns were raised from City departments or other agencies. Staff therefore, recommend approval of the application from Monster L Karaoke Ltd. to operate a Liquor Primary Licence with liquor service Monday to Sunday from 9:00 AM to next day 2:00 AM, with an occupant load of 50 persons.



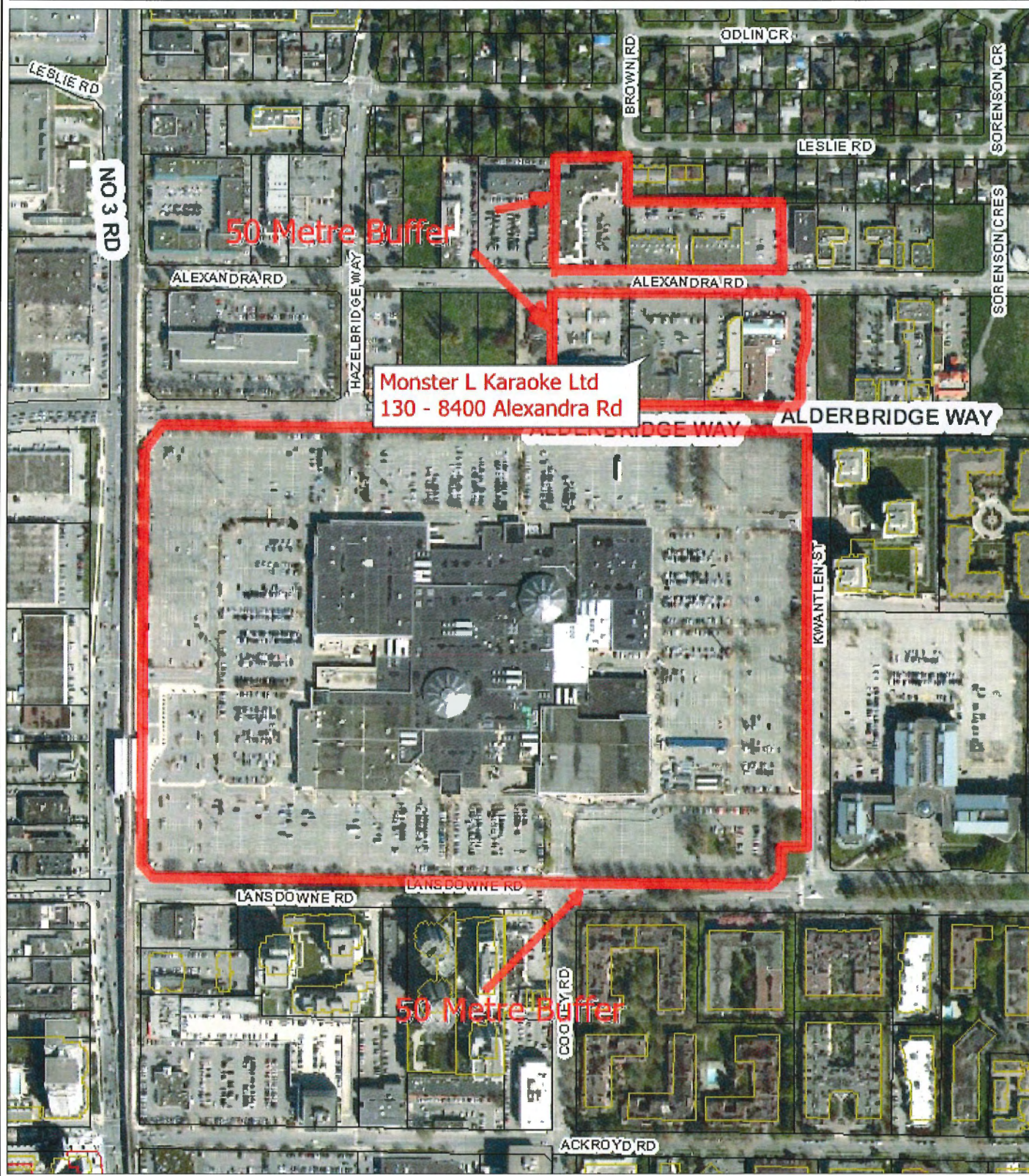
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