

# City of Richmond

## **Report to Committee**

May 25, 2009

To:

General Purposes Committee

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From:

W. Glenn McLaughlin

Chief Licence Inspector

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Re:

Liquor Licence Amendment - Richmond Inn Hotel Ltd.,

doing business as Richmond Inn - 7551 Westminster Highway

#### Staff Recommendation

That Council decline comment on the Liquor License amendment application submitted by the Richmond Inn to increase the liquor service on the patio area of the hotel and that a letter be forwarded to Liquor Control and Licensing Branch with this decision.

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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 and Regulations.

Local Government is given an opportunity to provide comments and recommendations to LCLB on certain liquor licence applications and amendments. The process requires that local government provide a Council resolution that either:

- comments on the legislative review criteria (views of residents, potential for noise, impact on the community) or;
- decline comment on the application.

This report deals with the application by The Richmond Inn Hotel Ltd. seeking a Resolution of Council in support of amending an existing Liquor Primary Licence to increase liquor service on the patio area of the hotel to include an additional 54 seats.

### **Analysis**

The Richmond Inn Hotel Ltd. (The Applicant), doing business as the Richmond Inn located at 7551 Westminster Highway, has been undergoing renovations to the restaurant area of the hotel known as The Wayfarer Tree. The renovation of this area is now complete and offers clientele a combination restaurant and lounge area and has been re-named to Harold's Bistro & Bar. The renovated area has an interior seating capacity of 132 in the lounge area and 193 seats in the restaurant area. There is also a 124 seating capacity patio area. (Attachment 1)

The patio area is currently licensed under LCLB to allow for liquor service. The Applicant wishes to increase the liquor service to accommodate an increase of 54 seats on the patio.

A site inspection reveals that the patio area is located in the interior courtyard of the hotel surrounded by hotel wings and conference rooms. The patio is accessible from both the lounge and restaurant areas. The liquor service hours on the patio are Sunday to Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. There is no entertainment proposed.

The Applicant has received an occupant load approval for a 124 seat capacity on the patio by the City's Building Permits Department. (Attachment 2)

Staff recommend that Council decline comment on this application for the following reasons;

- the patio area is already approved for liquor service,
- the amendment to increase liquor service on the patio does not directly affect the general public in Richmond. The legislation requires that the views of

residents/businesses be gathered if the City considers them to be directly affected and;

• the increase in seating capacity to the existing liquor license makes posting of publications unwarranted.

By declining comment on the application, the Province would then assume responsibility for the process.

### Financial Impact

None.

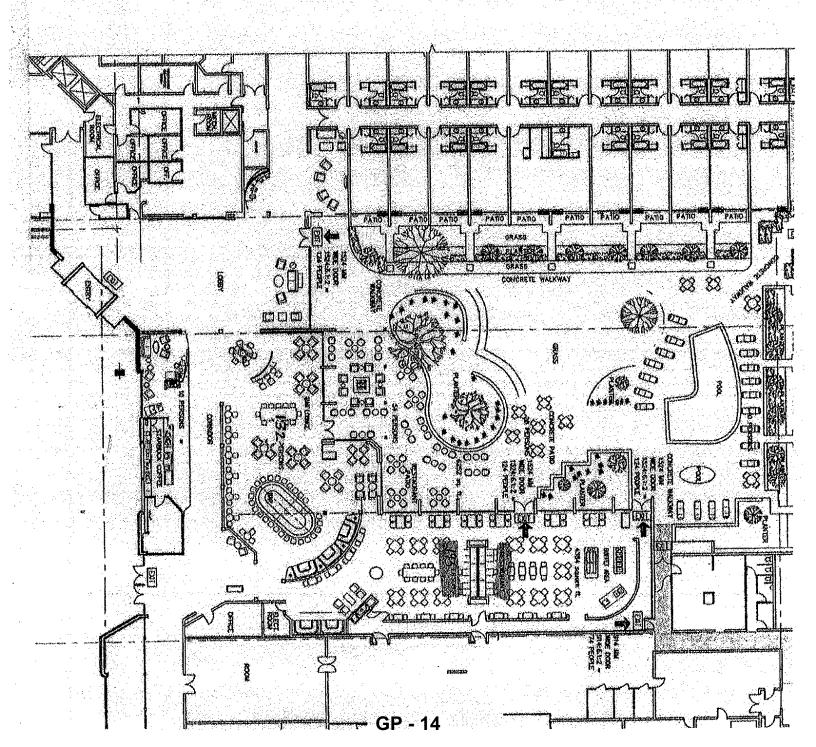
#### Conclusion

The patio area has been approved for an occupant load of 124 persons and the increased liquor service area will not impact the general public of Richmond. Staff recommend that the City decline comment on this Liquor License application and Council's Resolution be forwarded to the LCLB in accordance with the legislative requirements.

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