

Re: Item 18
 Council Agenda
 Jan 25, 2010

Mayor and Councillors

From:
Sent: January 25, 2010 10:34 AM
To: Mayor and Councillors
Cc: Weber, David
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Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, January 25, 2010.

URGENT

RE: Temporary Request for extended hours of service for liquor primary licence - Lansdowne Lumber Marketing Ltd. doing business as JP MALONES NEIGHBOURHOOD PUB - File 12-8275-30-001/2009-Vol 01)

It has come to our attention that JP Malones Pub is seeking to obtain a temporary permit for extension of Pub hours. As residents that live in the area of Garden City Road and Blundell, this causes us concern.

Previously JP Malones had their hours of operation extended to a late closing. The result was felt in the neighbourhood by increased noise, trespass on private property by patrons (who at times used the grounds to urinate or be ill) and even increase in security breaches late at night. If you were in close proximity to the Pub, it was not possible to sleep with a window open. There was a marked change when JP Malones was required to limit their closing times.

The density in our area has now in fact increased significantly since the last event of late night opening at the Pub. Previously the lands to the immediate east and north of the Pub were vacant lots. These now contain new townhouse development whose bedroom areas sit right on the Pub parking lot. As well there is further expanded residential premises along Garden City to the North.

We cannot help but believe that the late night closings will again create the same problems of concern in an area that is high density residential i.e. increased noise, lawlessness and trespass on private property.

From all sources canvassed on the previous occasions of late closing, JP Malones became the late night gathering spot for people that had left previous premises that closed at an earlier time. I suspect that this would be the same scenario again.

Further, JP Malones is a "Neighbourhood Pub" and that should indicate its role in our neighbourhood. We do not live in downtown Richmond or Vancouver where higher noise levels may not be a significant issue. But people move to residential areas so they can have some quiet enjoyment of their lives.

In discussion with our neighbours, most individuals did not appear to have any issue with the Pub opening "earlier" in the day i.e. for breakfast.

Further, as this matter should be of concern to every resident in the Blundell Garden City area, it would seem appropriate that Notice be given to them so they would at least have the opportunity to voice their opinion about extending the Pub hours

We trust that this letter could be reviewed at the Closed Meeting to be held tonight and that the Mayor and Council would bear this in mind in any decision that may be made.

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