

Report to Committee

To:

General Purposes Committee

Date:

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From:

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Chief Licence Inspector & Risk Manager

Re:

Temporary Request For Extended Hours of Service for Liquor Primary Licence

Staff Recommendation

That Council provide a no objection comment to LCLB on the temporary increase of hours to liquor service on the Liquor Primary Licence held by Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel as the increase in hours will not have an impact on residential areas and traffic and noise in the area will not be adversely affected.

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Staff Report

Origin

Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) requires Local Government comment on requests for temporary amendments to existing Liquor Licenses.

On November 9, 2009, Council delegated the authority to the Chief Licence Inspector to provide comment to LCLB on temporary changes to *food primary* liquor licence applications over the Olympic and Paralympic Games period.

This report deals with an application received by the City for comment on a request to LCLB for temporary extension of hours of liquor service under *liquor primary* licence by the Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel operating at the Vancouver International Airport to increase the hours of liquor service **from** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday to Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to Midnight on Sunday **to** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday to Sunday for the period Feb 12, 2010 to March 1, 2010.

Analysis

On permanent liquor licence applications or amendments to liquor primary or food primary licenses with patron participation or serving beyond midnight, the City provides local government input to the Province through a Council resolution indicating whether the application is supported, without support or no comment is offered. The application process is defined in the Development Applications Fee's Bylaw which calls for public notice on a given application.

Temporary amendments to Liquor Licenses are dealt with by Council Policy 9308, Temporary Changes to Liquor Licenses – Short Term Requests by Licence Holders, which under Section 3 states, "that all applications that are greater than 3 consecutive days will have their application presented to Council for comment." Notwithstanding staffs authority to comment on *food primary* licences over the Olympic and Paralympic games period, the application being considered is a *liquor primary* establishment and is for a period longer than 3 days calling for Council comment.

Staff recommend that Council comment to LCLB "no objection" to this application as the request for the temporary change would not have a negative impact on residential areas within 100 meters of the establishment and traffic and noise in the area would not be adversely affected.

In December of 2009, Council provided a "no objection" comment on two liquor primary temporary extensions of hours of operation for the Stanley's Lounge and the Plaza Premium Lounge which operate at the Vancouver International Airport.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

The amended hours of liquor service for the establishment will have a negligible impact on the respective neighbourhoods and Council's no objection will support their LCLB application.

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