


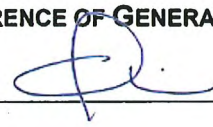




**To:** General Purposes Committee **Date:** May 5, 2023  
**From:** Mark Corrado **File:** 12-8275-30-001/2023-  
 Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing Vol 01  
**Re:** **Seasonal Patio & Extension of Service Hours - Emperor's Kitchen Ltd. dba:  
 Grill Party - 120 - 8511 Alexandra Rd., Richmond, BC**

**Staff Recommendations**

1. That the application from Emperor’s Kitchen Ltd. doing business as: Grill Party, for an amendment to Food Primary Liquor Licence No. 305936 requesting:
  - a) An addition of a Seasonal Patio area to permit liquor and food service between April 1 and October 31 each year with 20 seats;
  - b) Total person capacity to remain the same at 98 occupants; and
  - c) An increase to hours of liquor service currently set at Monday to Sunday, 9:00AM to Midnight, be supported for change to Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM, be supported; and
  
2. That a letter be sent to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, which includes the information attached as Appendix A (Attachment 1), advising that Council recommends the approval of the licence amendments for the reasons that these amendments have been determined, following public consultation, to be acceptable to the neighbouring community.

  
 Mark Corrado  
 Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing  
 (604-204-8673)  
 Att. 3

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Fire Rescue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
RCMP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b>
		

## Staff Report

### Origin

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

This report deals with an application to the LCRB and the City of Richmond by Emperor's Kitchen Ltd., doing business as: Grill Party (hereinafter referred to as Grill Party), for an amendment to their Food-Primary Liquor Licence No. 305936 and request:

- A Seasonal Patio between April 1 and October 31 each year with a shift in occupancy of 20 seats from indoors to outdoor seating; and
- An increase to liquor service hours **from** 9:00 AM to Midnight; **to** 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM, Monday to Sunday.

Council adopted the Public Space and Seasonal Patio Programs bylaws in May of 2022. Given that the operator is requesting the serving of alcohol on a new seasonal patio as well as an extension of service hours, a Council resolution is required and must be submitted to the LCRB. 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 applications and amendments. For an amendment to a Food-Primary Liquor Licence, the process requires the local government to provide comments with respect to the following criteria:

- The potential for noise;
- The impact on the community; and
- Whether the amendment may result in the establishment being operated in a manner contrary to its primary purpose.

This application relates to an existing Food-Primary Liquor Licence for Grill Party currently covering indoor seating only for the establishment. The Seasonal Patio Permit will permit Grill Party to shift 20 of the current 98 indoor seats to outside seating to 10:00 PM, between April 1, and October 31, each year. Secondly, the applicant is requesting amendment of liquor service hours for the indoor seating from 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM, Monday to Sunday.

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

Grill Party is situated at 8511 Alexandra Road, Unit 120. The property is zoned Auto-Oriented Commercial (CA). This zone provides for a mix of commercial and related uses oriented to vehicular access. This is a one business property on private property and subject to the seasonal patio processes and regulations. Grill Party has operated at this location since 2016 under current ownership.

### Impact of Noise on the Community

The location of this establishment is such that there should be no noise impact on the community. The addition of a Seasonal Patio for Grill Party should not affect its operation or cause it to operate contrary to its primary purpose as a food primary establishment. This patio will be permitted from April 1 to October 31, each year and will be required to close at 10PM each night with the 20 seats shifted back indoors from November 1 to March 31 each year.

### Impact on the Community

The community consultation process for reviewing applications for liquor related licences is prescribed by the Development Application Fees Bylaw No. 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 March 16, 2023, and three advertisements were published in the Richmond News newspaper on March 16, 2023, March 23, 2023 and March 30, 2023.

In addition to the advertised signage and public notice requirements, staff sent letters to businesses, residents and property owners within a 50 meter radius of the establishment (Attachment 2). On March 16, 2023, 163 letters were sent 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 April 15, 2023.

As a result of the community consultation process described, the City has received no responses opposed to this application and two responses in support. (Attachment 3).

**Other Agency Comments**

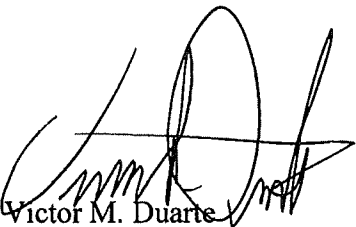
As part of the review process, staff requested comments from other agencies and departments such as Vancouver Coastal Health, Richmond RCMP, Richmond Fire-Rescue, Building Approvals Department and the Business Licence Department. These agencies and departments generally provide comments on the compliance history of the applicant's operations and premises. There are no concerns from Vancouver Coastal Health and no concerns or comments provided by Richmond RCMP or Richmond Fire-Rescue.

**Financial Impact**

None

**Conclusion**

The results of the community consultation process of Grill Party's proposed amendment to their existing Food-Primary Liquor Licence application was reviewed based on the LCRB criteria. The analysis concluded there should be no noticeable potential impact from noise, no significant impact to the community and no comments or concerns were raised from Richmond Fire-Rescue or other agencies. Grill Party has operated since 2016 under this current ownership with no issues. Based on the culmination of these factors, the application to amend the Food-Primary Liquor Licence to include a Seasonal Patio with no change to person capacity and a change to the liquor service hours of Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM, is recommended for approval.



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Supervisor, Business Licences  
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- Att. 1: Appendix A
- 2: Aerial Map with 50m Buffer Area
- 3: Letters of Support

## Appendix A

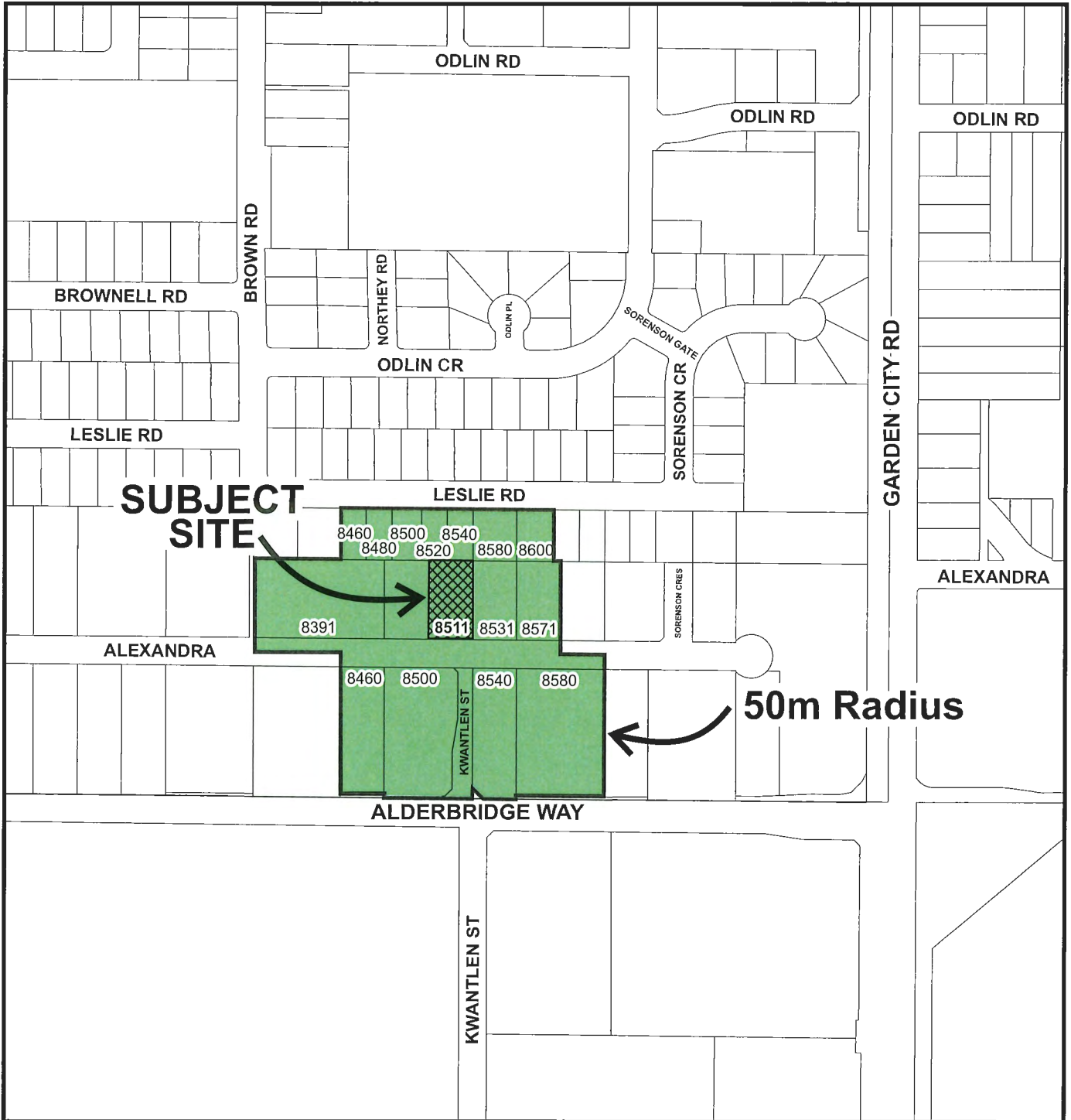
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**Re: Application to Amend Food Primary Liquor Licence # 305936 - Extended Service Hours – Emperor’s Kitchen Ltd. DbA: Grill Party – 120 – 8511 Alexandra Rd., Richmond B.C.**

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1. That the application from Emperor’s Kitchen Ltd. DbA: Grill Party, operating at, 120 - 8511 Alexandra Rd., requesting an increase to hours of liquor service to the Food Primary Liquor Licence # 305936, be supported for:
  - a) An addition of a Seasonal patio area to permit liquor and food service between April 1 and October 31 each year for 20 seats and to close at 10:00 PM each night;
  - b) Total person capacity will remain the same at 98 persons;
  - c) A permanent change to hours of liquor service;
    - i) **From**, Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to Midnight;
    - ii) **To**, Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM.
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 to the Food Primary Liquor Licence # 305936, 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; and
  - c) Given that there has been no noted incidents since operator commenced in 2016, the amendment to change hours of liquor service to the Food Primary Liquor Licence should not change the establishment such that it is operated contrary to its primary purpose;
  - 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 meter 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) The community consultation process generated no comments opposed to this application and two comments in favour.
- f) Council recommends the approval of the amendment to the Food Primary Liquor Licence with extended hours of liquor service to 9:00 AM to 2 AM, Monday to Sunday, for reasons that the addition of the extended hours proposed is acceptable to the majority of the residents, businesses and property owners in the area and the community.



**8511 Alexandra Rd**  
50 m Radius

Original Date: 03/09/23

Revision Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES

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Business Licence Division

LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATIONS

6911 NO. 3 RD

RICHMOND, BC, V6Y 2C1

Re: Grill Party, operating from premises located at 120 – 8511 Alexandra Rd., Richmond, BC.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for restaurant Grill Party's patio project . As a frequent patron of the restaurant, I am confident that the addition of a patio will enhance the dining experience for guests and contribute to the overall vibrancy of the community. I have seen firsthand the demand for outdoor seating during the warmer months. The addition of a patio would not only increase the restaurant's seating capacity but also provide a unique atmosphere that would set it apart from other dining establishments in the area.

Moreover, I believe that the proposed patio would be an asset to the community, providing a gathering place for residents and visitors alike. As more people spend time outdoors, this project has the potential to contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of the neighborhood, attracting new customers and promoting economic growth.

In conclusion, I believe that the addition of a patio to the restaurant will not only enhance the dining experience for customers but also contribute to the local economic growth. I fully support this project .

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Re: Grill Party, operating from premises located at 120 – 8511 Alexandra Rd.,  
Richmond, BC.

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are writing as Marine bay restaurant in Richmond.

We have patronized Grill Party restaurant since it opened. We have found that Grill Party has been a welcome addition to the neighbourhood. We support the proposed change of licensing for this establishment.

Grill Party is an independent small business that should be permitted to have later hours of liquor service as well as a patio.

We have found that Grill Party has been a conscientious operator and that there have never any problems with it in terms of noise or problem patrons.

In today's increasingly diverse economy, people have different work schedules and routines. It is important that this is recognized.

We wholeheartedly support the efforts of the City and Province to modernize liquor laws, and in particular, we would like to add our names as supporting this application.

Sincerely:

Jun Liu  
200-8511 Alexandra road Richmond  
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