

Hi,
To whom this may concern,

I would like to register my support for Mike Colwill and the license for the Fernwood Inn.

I live at 2013 Fernwood road, two doors down from the Inn and we are in full support of this Liquor Primary licence.

Thank you
Tracey Forrest

2013 Fernwood Rd, Victoria

To whom it may concern,

I received a notice in my mailbox regarding the application of the Fernwood Inn changing from a food primary license to a liquor primary license.

I've lived in a suite at 2009 Fernwood road (above Fernwood pizza and beside the inn) for over a year now. When I chose this spot I understood that there would be some level of noise due to living beside the pub, but I made the choice to go through with the rental knowing that the hours were limited. There's already very disruptive noise on nights where there are events such as music bingo or live music, but given the hours I can make do because I know that it will end at a reasonable hour.

Fernwood is not the downtown core, it's a neighbourhood that consists mostly of residential buildings. I support there being a neighbourhood pub and I visit the pub regularly. However if you look at the hours of similar establishments in similar neighbourhoods (Christies Carriage House Pub, The Penny Farthing, The Beagle etc.) they are all only open until midnight on weekends. I would not be opposed to the pub extending hours on Friday/Saturday, but I chose Fernwood over the downtown core for a reason.

It's also quite ironic that a few days after receiving this notice I was given a rent increase from my landlord who is also the owner of the Fernwood inn. There was no communication to tenants about this proposal and it's hard to fathom having my rent raised all while possibly losing the calm environment that's been cultivated in Fernwood.

My suite along with the other suite above Fernwood pizza are also not guaranteed parking spots. There are some behind the building that are marked reserved for tenants on a first come first serve basis. The lot behind our building is constantly being used by patrons of the Fernwood inn despite a sign saying that the spots are reserved and that the parking is private. I can only imagine how difficult it will become to monitor the spots if the hours are extended daily.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope you take them into consideration when making this decision. I don't want to leave Fernwood, but if my peaceful living environment is disrupted I don't know if I would be willing to stay.

Sincerely,
Shannon Craib

My name is Marcelle Harapiak and I am a long-term owner at Springwood Strata, a community of 20 owners and tenants aged from under a year to more than 80 years old, across Gladstone Avenue from the Fernwood Inn and spanning to Vining Street. Our property includes the Fire Lane between the Cornerstone Building and 1315 Gladstone Avenue.

Our community has always been supportive of the businesses at Gladstone Avenue and Fernwood Road as part of a vibrant, thriving community. We have supported the introduction of geothermal at the Cornerstone Building by allowing the large, heavy drilling equipment onto our property to conduct the work; we have supported the change from residential only parking to two-hour parking in front of our residences at 1315, 1319 and 1323 Gladstone Avenue; we have supported the introduction of patios on both sides of Gladstone Avenue for the patrons of the Fernwood Inn, Little June's and Stages. This has all brought new life to the neighbourhood.

Unfortunately, this has also led to Springwood Strata property regularly being treated as a garbage can, ashtray and parking area. I regularly pick up dozens of cigarette butts and cannabis filters, till receipts and food and beverage detritus from Springwood Strata property - especially near and on the Fire Lane between the Cornerstone Building and 1315 Gladstone Avenue and down the hedges along Gladstone Avenue. The Strata's new hedges, the garden beds around them and the walkway leading to residents' doors are all regularly used as garbage cans and ashtrays. I have been assured by a member of Springwood Strata Council that they have communicated with businesses in this area requesting that the businesses install a garbage can and large ashtray for their patrons using that area of Springwood Strata property.

I know that this request was never acted on and I continue to collect garbage from strata property.

Daily, the Strata's Fire Lane is treated as convenient parking for patrons of businesses of the area, blocking access by Emergency vehicles in the event of a fire, potentially compromising residents' safety.

I am concerned that this proposed change in licence would increase the frequency with which my home and community are treated as a cost of doing business, because I presume this licence change is to increase business. Patron activities on closing as a result of an additional hour (currently open till 11:00 pm per website) of increased human and vehicle movement, with all that involves, when most in this residential area have retired for the night should be monitored and any issues dealt with by the business.

However, for me, the issue of being used for an ashtray, garbage can and parking spot without improvement remains an issue while this licence change is an improvement for the business. As you know, Springwood Strata residents regularly support your business.

I would be more comfortable with demonstrated consideration for my Springwood Strata community and me by installing garbage cans and ashtrays (a metal container with sand that could be sifted of butts??) at the end of your patios on Gladstone Avenue, regularly checking the area adjacent for garbage, etc. as a courtesy and being aware of where your patrons park their vehicles - reminders in some form that patron parking is not permitted in the Fire Lane.

I am not anti-business.

I am pro-neighbourliness.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Marcelle Harapiak

#2-1314 Vining Street

Some owners at Springwood Strata have read and endorsed this letter and have asked that their names be added to support this view:

Judy Atkins

Wendy Boyer

Ellen Campbell

Susan Leslie

Good morning,

I am once again writing about the proposed change in licence for the Fernwood Inn. Since submitting an email explaining my concerns with this change on Jan 15, I have had an excellent discussion with the applicant who has alleviated my concerns. As a result, I would like to rescind my earlier comments and have them removed from the record.

Thanks,

Simon Harding

2016 Fernwood Road