

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT  
FROM THE MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2025**

For the Council meeting of May 01, 2025, the Committee recommends the following:

**E.1 646 Fisgard Street: Heritage Designation Application No. 000212 (Downtown)**

That Council:

1. That Council approve the heritage statement of significance for 646 Fisgard Street.
2. That Council instruct the Director of Planning and Development to prepare the necessary Heritage Designation Bylaw that would designate the property as a Municipal Heritage Site, as outlined in the staff report dated November 14, 2024 for 646 Fisgard Street.
3. That first and second reading of the Heritage Designation Bylaw for 646 Fisgard Street be considered by Council and a public hearing date be set.

**E.2 1325 Government Street (The Downbeat Event Centre): Liquor Licence (Downtown)**

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

1. That Council supports the application of The Downbeat Event Centre, located at 1325 Government Street, for a new liquor primary licence conditional on the following:
  - a. The establishment having a total occupant load of 210 people.
  - b. Hours of licenced service from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily.
2. The following comments are provided regarding the prescribed considerations:
  - a. If the application is approved, it is anticipated to have a positive economic impact on the community as the approval supports the viability of the business as a local employer.
  - b. The views of residents were solicited through a mailout to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. In response to the notification that went to 343 owners and occupants, the City received seven letters of correspondence. Of these letters, five expressed support and two expressed opposition or concerns. The Downtown Residents Association confirmed that they support the application given the existing soundproofing and security in place, and the establishment helping to fulfill the city's need for performance venues.
3. Council recommends to the Province that the liquor primary licence be approved as recommended.

**E.3 1302 Gladstone Avenue (Fernwood Inn): Liquor Licence (Fernwood)**

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

1. That Council supports the application of Fernwood Inn, located at 1302 Gladstone Avenue, for a new liquor primary licence conditional on the following:
  - a. The establishment having a total occupant load of 186 people.
  - b. Hours of licenced service from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily.
2. The following comments are provided regarding the prescribed considerations:
  - a. If the application is approved, it is anticipated to have a positive economic impact on the community as the approval supports the viability of the business as a local employer.
  - b. The views of residents were solicited through a mailout to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. In response to the notification that went to 280 owners and occupants, the City received four letters of correspondence. Of these letters, two expressed concern and two expressed support. The Fernwood Community Association confirmed that they have no concerns with the application.
3. Council recommends to the Province that the liquor primary licence be approved as recommended.

**F.1 Update to City Policy on Reimbursement of Council Members for Conflict Legal Advice**

That Council increase the maximum limit for reimbursement for the cost of obtaining independent legal advice regarding potential conflict of interest from \$500 to \$1,000 for each instance.