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RE: Liquor Primary License – Glitch Bar and Games Room

The Downtown Victoria Business Association supports the application for a Liquor Primary License for Glitch Bar and Games Room. This new business will add vibrancy and economic vitality to downtown. This will also activate the 700 block of Yates St. by occupying a large vacant space that itself was previously a similar type of establishment.

The concept will add variety to downtown's entertainment and night economy. The size, operating hours and overall business model fit well in the existing neighbourhood. With more housing units coming online in the next 12 – 18 months within a few blocks, this venue will help provide dining and entertainment options for both neighbourhood residents as well as those coming downtown.

We look forward to welcoming a new business such as Glitch Bar and Games Room into downtown. Should you have any questions of the DVBA please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bray, Downtown Victoria Business Association CEO

I own a second floor (209) suite in the ERA building and am concerned about the size and nature of the proposal. It does not fit with the spirit of Victoria a tourism destination, revitalization of the core and will undoubtedly lead to noise and probably increased crime in the area.

Alice MacGillivray

Hi,

I am the owner of 1504-728 Yates St. I am not against a liquor license as it is downtown., I have deep concern on the occupant load size. Parking and noise would be a big issue for business and residents nearby.

And is it possible to limit the hours to 11am to 12 pm time? I don't want to see drunk people walking and yelling downtown at midnight.

Thanks for your consideration.

Feng

My Address:

1105-819 Yates Street

There is absolutely no reason for bars to be allowed to stay open past 11pm during weeknights, let alone something as insane as 2am! Why is this even being considered?

There is disorder enough in our streets without more loudmouth drunks and punks rambling around at 2am when others are trying to sleep for work, for health, or both.

Also, this will encourage further vehicle traffic downtown at late hours... loud revved engines and blasting car stereos as people go home at 2am.

This is a residentially dense part of the downtown, and specifically this proposed business will be right under lower-income apartments. These people do not deserve to be punished for only being able to afford a small apartment above noisy commercial business - least of all noisy through unreasonable hours of the night.

The city govt. has limited powers; please use them to help residents find peaceful enjoyment of where they live, not encourage more chaos.

UNLIKE the drug addiction and vagrant violence / nuisance the city is experiencing at record limits (and city govt. has limited recourse to address) mitigating loud and rowdy disruptive behaviour IS something you CAN and SHOULD be addressing.

Again I ask, why are weekday hours of operation after 11pm even being considered?

Thank you for taking this into consideration,

-Ian

I am writing in support of the application for a liquor primary license for Glitch Bar & Games Room at 759 Yates St.

This location was previously a liquor primary establishment and the neighborhood is the correct neighborhood for this business. There are two cinemas, Cenote, View Street Social, Herman's Jazz Club, and other late night businesses in the area already.

Adding nightlife activities to the city of Victoria is excellent for young adults such as myself and I would patronize this business if the license is granted.

Thank you

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Curtis Machek

Just emailing to express support for this business. It had a great reputation for excellent customer service in Vancouver, a fun business model and the community there was sad to see it go. We'd be lucky to get one here!

Best,

Zack Santella

Hello,

I'm a resident on the 700-block of Yates and received a notice about the liquor primary license application at 759 Yates St.

I'm strongly in favour of this application. I think it will fill a noticeable gap that has existed since Yates St Taphouse closed a couple years ago and add more life to the block. There's a dissapointingly high number of vacant spaces on the block and I'm pleased to see new businesses opening near me and filling those spaces.

Thank you,

Jon Pavelich  
311-725 Yates St  
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Hi there,

I work for Concert who owns and operates the 712 Yates office building as well as the retail ground floor at 726 Yates and 732 Yates that is very close to 759 Yates (across the street). We are wishing to respond on the recent Notice of Application for a Liquor Primary Licence for Glitch Bar and Games Room and wish to provide support for this application and use. We believe this could improve and enliven this part of Downtown Victoria and improve the various other businesses that are on Yates Street. We welcome this new addition to Yates Street.

Thanks,

Leslie.

**Leslie Marta | Vice President, Asset Management and Leasing**

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Good evening

I am a resident of 317-819 Yates st and we recieved the notice of a new establishment proposed to open at 759 Yates st and I fully support the opening of this bar. As a downtown resident it's been sad to see that space go unused for so long and Glitch seems like it would be a great addition to the neighbourhood!

Cheers,

Evan Gibson

I live in the building above where the bar is going to be located (759 Yates st), and I can't wait !

Hopefully the application is approved so I can bring my friends and family over for some proper drinks and games.

Good morning,

I wholeheartedly support Glitch Bar and Games Room in their request for a liquor license at 759 Yates St. I miss the previous pub in that location (Yates St. Taphouse) and I think the space is perfectly situated downtown and complimentary to the nearby businesses.

Cheers,

David Johnson  
760 Johnson St.  
Victoria, BC, Canada

Re: 275 person occupant load hours 9am to 2am daily seven days a week !

Dear City of Victoria,

We have recently purchased a condo and residing in it across the street, within 100 meters of 759 Yates street where a Liquor license is most likely going to be granted by you.

We are against this licence.

We live in 728 Yates street apartment high rise where there is an alley by the building allowing many homeless to use the alley to cross between Johnston street and Yates street. Our building has a large vacant commercial space that can fit as many as 100 occupants. The Strata has not been able to rent this space for retail use due to the homeless who reside in this alley.

Nightly we cannot sleep in our condo for which we paid close to half a million dollars.

Why ?

Because of the traffic noise, the sea gulls screaming to eat the food from the garbage littered alleys nearby, the loud sirens of police, ambulance, fire trucks throughout the night, the people who come and go across the street from the pub named Saint Franks at 727 Yates st, and the sometimes fights, screams of the drunks that come out of this pub .....and now if you approve the liquor licence for 759 Yates st with a 275 person capacity, it will only add more cars, noise, drunkenness, police, and it will be a haven for the homeless to increase in numbers, looking for handouts, change, alcohol...from this new establishment and its guests.....

The Pandora Street homeless don't have a place to pitch their tents in the green zone ( Harris Green Park) due to the fences that have been erected. So, the homeless have spread to Johnson street and Yates street. The value of properties will lower by allowing this second pub to open on this 700 block of Yates st.

There is rental space available and new high rises being built on 900 and 1000 block of Yates near "Street Market on Yates" at 909 Yates and London Drugs at 911 Yates St and onto the 1000 block across Tara Place Apartments on 1039 Yates st.

Perhaps you may consider not granting the license and guiding the applicant to look 2 blocks up on 900 to 1000 Yates to open his business.

Thank you for your consideration

Tom Kaboly and family