



## Council Report

For the Meeting of November 22, 2018

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**To:** Council **Date:** November 22, 2018  
**From:** Alison Meyer, Acting Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development  
**Subject:** Application for a Permanent Change to increase licensed capacity (116081), The Churchill – Bedford Regency Hotel (The Churchill), 1140 Government Street.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive for information, the report from the Downtown Community Development Coordinator related to the subject application.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the November 15, 2018 Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting, Council considered a report regarding an application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) made by The Churchill, located at 1140 Government Street, to increase the licenced capacity for patrons and staff from 90 to 127 within the existing hours of operation which are, 11:00 am to 1:00 am, Monday through Saturday, and 11:00 am to 12:00 am on Sundays. In its consideration, at the November 22, 2018 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to provide a report from the Downtown Community Development Coordinator.

For Council's consideration, the report prepared by the Downtown Community Development Coordinator in response to the direction is included in this report as Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ryan Morhart  
Manager  
Permits & Inspections

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Alison Meyer  
Acting Director  
Sustainable Planning & Community Dev.

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

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Date:

Nov 22, 2018

### List of Attachments:

- Appendix A: Report from the Downtown Community Development Coordinator

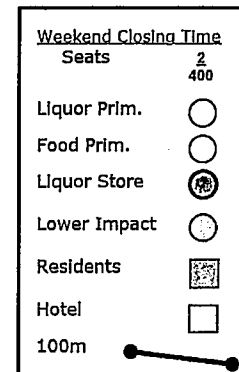
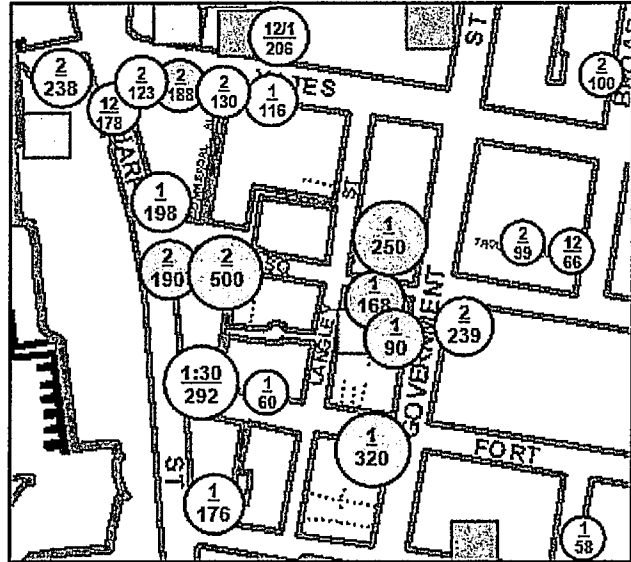
## Application for Increased Occupancy Load – Churchill Pub

The applicant has requested an increase of 37 seats to the current 90 seats, which would bring the total number of licensed seats to 127.

There are three liquor licences associated with this location:

1. Liquor Primary – Garricks Head Pub – 168 seats, closing at 1:00am daily
2. Liquor Primary – Churchill Pub – 90 seats, closing at 1:00am daily
3. Food Primary – *currently not in use* – 116 seats closing at 1:00 on weekends

- The late night economy is an important part of visitors' experience and quality of life expectations for many residents, and it contributes directly and indirectly to the local economy.
- This location is in the centre of Victoria's entertainment district where there are a number of bars and restaurants.
- There are no residences in close proximity to the venue.
- Hotel guests are located within the hotel operated by the applicant, and it would be assumed that the applicant does/would address any noise concerns expressed by their guests
- Incremental increases in the number of licensed seats in the downtown occur regularly.  
The nearby Upstairs Cabaret recently added 200 seats, for example.
- While usually small, these increases incrementally result in higher numbers of people in the downtown core and a corresponding higher level of disorder and cleaning issues in public space.
- Where there are concentrations of licensed seats, especially where they have common closing times, the effect can be more pronounced (e.g. Strathcona Hotel, lower Yates Street).



### Conclusions

1. The additional capacity contributes incrementally to the activity in the downtown and this area in particular. This will grow further should the applicant activate their third liquor licence (116 seats) with the common closing time.
2. The applicant's location is otherwise a sufficient distance from residents to preclude direct impacts from noise from the venue and associated street activity and is therefore not likely of individual concern.