

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Victoria City Council
1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Honourable Mayor and Council,

My name is Darren Ainsley, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Refuge Tap Room and provide a little insight into the newest addition to the Harris Green neighbourhood. I am submitting this letter in support of my Application for Structural Change to change the occupancy load, as well as an Application for a Permanent Change to a Liquor License to change of hours of liquor service, and modify the operating Terms and Conditions. The liquor license in question is #307540, which was successfully transferred to Refuge Tap Room Ltd. at 832 Fort Street, on December 19, 2018.

Refuge Tap Room will be a locals drinking establishment with a relaxed atmosphere targeting a mature audience and serving BC craft beer, wine, cider, and spirits. A selection of warmed snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. The requested occupancy is approximately 40 inside and 18 for the small intimate patio in the back. In consideration of the neighbourhood, the clientele will be requested to respect residential neighbours as they exit, keeping noise to a minimum. While the patio does face a residential tower, the expectation is that there will only be the sound of conversation, laughter, and ambient music similar to what you would hear from any neighbour's patio in a residential complex. The patio hours will be restricted to ensure there is no undo disturbance to the neighbours. Extension of the hours for the interior space has been requested for midnight weekdays, and 1AM on weekends to provide a casual environment for other hard working professionals in the service industry to enjoy a quality drink (and maybe a snack) to wind down their evenings.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application, and please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Darren J. Ainsley
Refuge Tap Room Ltd.