To Mayor and Council,

With regard to the application for endorsement for a brewpub at 506 Herald Street, I would like to register my opposition to the current business model being proposed.

Last year, at the CALUC meeting, the applicant represented that they were planning to open a neighbourhood pub similar to what they operate at The Drake, limited to a capacity of 100 with closing hours of midnight. As the applicant stated at the meeting, "Nothing good happens after midnight". It was also presented that they would be producing and selling their own product at this location while also supplying The Drake. Assertions were made that there would not be any late night noise associated with their operation from patrons, delivery trucks or from any other source. Based on these parameters and the current operations at The Drake, I was able to support the proposal.

With a revised business model to include 178 patrons and late night closing hours of 2 AM, I watched with encouragement as council discussed the realities and implications of the proposed operation at today’s Committee of the Whole. Many strong points were offered, outlining the spectrum of negative impacts a late night drinking establishment would have on our neighbourhood. I am very frustrated and disappointed that Council did not support a review of the hours and capacity. Chinatown and the area north of the core are rapidly growing residential precincts and the livability of this burgeoning community should not be jeopardized by inserting late night liquor operations.

Thank you for considering my input.

Cheers,

Wendy Bowkett
1715 Government St
Thank you all for the replies :)

It does look like I got the email address slightly wrong and that likely accounts for the problem. Strange that it didn't "bounce" back to me at the time. Drat!

Happy to hear that my letter will be included with the file and considered at a further review.

Cheers

Phil Cottrell

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Hello Phil,

Thank you for following up on this. At first glance, it looks like your email would not have been received due to a letter missing in the email address (should be rmorhart@victoria.ca and it appears there was an 'r' missing in your original email, below). I double-checked the notice and the correct email was indicated, so it shouldn't have affected others.

I have copied Ryan Morhart to ensure he receives your comments for the file, as well as our Legislative Services staff to ensure your original email gets forwarded to Council when the matter returns to them for a decision.

Thanks, Andrea

Andrea Hudson, MCIP RPP
Acting Director
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6
T 250.361.0555  F 250.361.0557
Cc: Andrea Hudson <AHudson@victoria.ca>
Subject: Re: Herald Street Brew Works

Phil, thanks for this. Andrea, can we look into why Phil’s email never made its way to Council. Can we also look to see if there are other letters in the same situation? Thanks.

Phil, unfortunately Council changed its mind in the evening meeting and has asked the applicant to consider closing earlier and having less seats. This issue should be resolved within two weeks.

Thanks again,

Lisa

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Lisa Helps, City of Victoria Mayor
Lekwungen Territory
250-661-2708
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From: Phil Cottrell
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 9:10 AM
To: "Lisa Helps (Mayor)" <LHelps@victoria.ca>
Subject: Herald Street Brew Works

Dear Mayor Helps:

With regard to the Herald Street Brew Works development, I’m a little concerned that media reports of the recent council vote (VicNews and the Times-Colonist) indicated that only negative comments (two) were received from those in close proximity to the proposed brewpub and lounge. I’d just like it on record that I received a letter from the City asking for comments (I live in the 500 block of Chatham Street) and I sent the email below to express my strong support of the application. I hope my comments were received and considered?

I’m pleased to note that council voted in favour of the brewpub/lounge and as a close neighbour I plan to patronize the establishment on a regular basis :)

Sincerely,

Phil Cottrell

Times-Colonist: "Mayor Lisa Helps urged councillors to approve the application, noting that 284 letters were mailed to residents and businesses in the surrounding neighbourhood about the application and only two objections were received."
Hello again:

On the VicNews website today, there was an article about the application process for the Herald Street Brew Works project.

In it, there is the following quote:

"As a part of the application process, the Spences had to alert the site's surrounding neighbours; two letters were received in response, both against the development."

I draw your attention to my email to you of January 17 (below) expressing strong support for the Brew Works development. Was this a mistake by the press? If not, I hope that my opinion was passed along to City and Liquor Board authorities.

Could you please clarify this for me?

Thank you.

Phil Cottrell
Victoria, BC

From: "Phil Cottrell" <philcottrell@victoria.ca>
To: "rmohart" <rmohart@victoria.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 10:10:37 PM
Subject: Herald St Brew Works (506 Herald)

2019-01-17

Manager, Permits & Inspections
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Sir/Madam:

Further to your letter of 2019-01-08 concerning the Application for a Lounge Endorsement for a Manufacturing Licence at 506 Herald Street (Herald Street Brew Works) I wish to add my comments in support of the application.

I live within 100 metres of 506 Herald Street (500 block Chatham Street) and I attended the public consultation on the original brewpub application some time ago. The premises have been empty for quite some time and I believe that a well run brewpub/lounge will be an asset to our rapidly growing district. I have spoken to several of my neighbours and they feel the same - hopefully they will also write in support of the application. Victoria has a growing reputation as a destination for discerning beer connoisseurs and to have several outstanding examples of the brewer's craft within easy walking distance of each other (Drake, Swan's, Canoe, Phillips, Vancouver Island) is good for everyone's business and should present no issues to local residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further comments regarding this application.

Sincerely,

Phil Cottrell
555 Chatham Street
Victoria, BC V8T 1E1
From: Lisa Helps (Mayor) <LHelps@victoria.ca>
Sent: March 22, 2019 9:40 PM
To: Chris Coates <ccoates@victoria.ca>
Subject: FW: 506 Herald Street - Application for a Lounge Endorsement

To go with this application.

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Lisa Helps, City of Victoria Mayor
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From: Paul McNair
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 at 5:38 PM
To: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>
Subject: 506 Herald Street - Application for a Lounge Endorsement

Dear Council

There have been no issues with the Canoe Club, Swan's, the Drake. They add vibrancy and options in our flourishing neighborhood.
I would, as a home owner and business owner, directly in the vicinity of this application fully support the capacity of 178 and closing of 2 am.
Paul McNair
532 1/2 fsgard street
Dear City Council Members,

Last year the applicants for a new pub to be located at 506 Herald St presented a proposal that indicated they were planning a 100 seat establishment, and that their hours of operation would close at midnight. Now, that proposal has changed significantly, without consideration regarding the impact the changes will have on residents neighbours.

I believe many of us who live in the immediate area surrounding the location proposed for this new development enthusiastically welcomed the establishment of the new pub in our neighbourhood ... but that was with the originally proposed smaller capacity and with a midnight closing. We cannot and do not support the introduction of a larger capacity operation and the now proposed later closing of 2:00 am.

We love the vibrancy of downtown living including access to local pubs and restaurants in the area. That is why we choose to live here. However, we are also very familiar with the disruption and noise associated with late night revellers pouring out of existing pubs in the neighbourhood at midnight. The very thought of a new pub pouring guests into the streets at 2:00am! is decidedly disconcerting. Seriously, no good can possibly come from providing patrons two hours of additional drinking after midnight.

Please show consideration, for maintaining the livability of our neighbourhood, for current residents, and for the expanding residential population that the addition of the Ironworks and Pearl developments will bring.

PLEASE VOTE NO ... to the increase in capacity to 178 and the extension of hours of operation to 2:00am closing now being proposed for the new BrewPub at 506 Herald Street!

Respectfully,

Nell Ross,
A Resident Owner @ Mermaid Wharf
Unit 421- 407/409 Swift Street
Mr. Morhart,

Good morning!

My name is Ellen Fung and I am the Director of Victoria Chinatown Care Society. We just received the above notice yesterday and our Board is strongly opposed to this application. Attached please find a letter from our President Mr. Stephen Cheung regarding our comments to this issue.

Please kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Thank you for your immediate attention and have a great day!

Best Regards,

Ellen Fung
Director of Victoria Chinatown Care Society
555 Herald Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6
March 13, 2019

Mr. Ryan Morhart, Manager, Permits and Inspections  
City of Victoria  
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

RE: Notice of Application for a Lounge Endorsement for a Manufacturing license with 
hours of operation from 9:00 am to 2:00 am daily and having an indoor occupant load of 
178 persons.

We are writing to object to the above public notice of application near the Victoria Chinatown Care 
Centre which is located at 555 Herald Street since 1981. This is an accredited non-profit senior 
care facility, licensed by the province of BC to provide complex care to 31 residents as well as an 
adult day programs for seniors living in the community. Our staff and volunteers at the Care Centre 
strive to create a safe, secure and peaceful environment where all our senior residents can find 
comfort and respect.

By allowing a brewery and lounge to open at Herald Street from 9:00 am 2:00am daily, the implicit 
noise, parking problem, traffic and high risk of accidents that will be generated will decrease the 
quality of life our staff and more importantly, our residents.

Overall, we feel it will be unlikely that the above winery and lounge will be able to mitigate the 
inherent issues they bring with it. However, it appears they have not approached us in this matter 
to date to try. We strongly urge City council to consider the best interest of the senior residents.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen E. Cheung, CPA, CA  
President of Victoria Chinatown Care Society  
555 Herald Street, Victoria BC V8W 1S5
January 8, 2019

To the Owners/Occupiers of properties within a 100 metre radius of 506 Herald Street (Herald Street Brew Works), Victoria, BC.

Notice of Application for a Lounge Endorsement for a Manufacturing Licence with hours of operation from 9:00 am to 2:00 am daily and having an indoor occupant load of 178 persons:

The City's role in this process is to provide comments on the application to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch. City Council does not approve or deny the application.

Residents and businesses located within a 100 metre radius of the proposed site are invited to comment on this proposal by writing to:

Manager, Permits & Inspections
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

or by e-mail: rmorhart@victoria.ca

To ensure the consideration of your views your correspondence must be received on or before February 11th, 2019.

Please note that all correspondence submitted to the City of Victoria in response to this Notice will form part of the public record and will be published in a meeting agenda when this matter is before the Council or a Committee of Council. The City considers the author's address relevant to Council's consideration of this matter and will disclose this personal information. The author's phone number and email address is not relevant and should not be included in the correspondence if the author does not wish this personal information disclosed.

For further information contact Permits & Inspections at 250.361.0241 or by email at rmorhart@victoria.ca
March 14, 2019

Re: 506-508 Herald St – Brew Pub – Further Comment

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

Further to the DRA letter dated April 26, 2018 regarding the proposed brewpub at 506 Herald Street, we now understand that the application has been substantially expanded to include a 178-person capacity and opening hours extending until 2:00 am and that Council is moving to support this application counter to ongoing concerns repeatedly expressed by downtown residents and the DRA regarding the incompatibility of late-night drinking establishments within established residential enclaves.

The DRA facilitated a public meeting last year for this application. Facing concerns expressed by the public at this meeting, the applicant was emphatic that the proposal was for an occupancy of 100 persons and opening hours until midnight and publicly committed to the proposed occupancy and hours of operation. To be absolutely clear, any support this application garnered from those present and the DRA, was entirely based on what was then considered a reasonable occupancy and the 12 am closing.

The immediate local neighbourhood already contains a great many residences and is rapidly growing (Mermaid Wharf 98 units, Janion 110 units, Ironworks 170 units, The Union 136 units, Swift Street Apartments 49 units, 555 Chatham 22 units, Lee Cheong & Lum Sam 25 units, 555 Chatham 25 units, 601 Herald 27 units, 613 Herald 32 units, Lim Dat Building 22 units, Biggerstaff Building 24 units, Dragon Alley 12 units, Herald Building 16 units, etc.). The DRA has pointed out repeatedly that the insertion of large capacity late night Liquor establishments into the center of residential neighbourhoods such as this one is extremely detrimental to the livability of this neighbourhood and creates unnecessary and ongoing conflict.

Council is expecting the Downtown to absorb the majority of growth for the region but at the same time needs to thoughtfully consider the impacts that decisions such this will have on the quality of life for this rapidly growing population.

Sincerely,

Ian Sutherland
Chair Land Use Committee Downtown Residents Association
Dear Mayor Helps and Council members.

As a long time resident in the 'old town' district I support the vibrancy that is being created by new residential developments and an abundance of restaurants, galleries, micro breweries, grocers, bakers......

The project slated for 506 Herald St. is not in keeping with the largely residential area. Although the operators are well respected in the community and we appreciate their faith in the area, the push to 178 seats and closing hours of 2:00 am, is a push too far.

I would ask that the City keeps the number of patrons and the hours to the original application; I believe that was 100 patrons and closing at midnight.

Regards,
Colette Nagy