

24 March, 2019

Your Worship, The Mayor of Victoria,
And the City of Victoria Council

By email: Councilsecretary@Victoria.ca

I am writing to ask for your support and approval of a proposed venue, recently discussed at Council. The venue to be built on Herald Street would be a "Tasting Room" as part of a brewery being constructed there, named Herald Street Brew Works..

This venue would be an economic asset to the downtown zone, a companion to other breweries in the area, and an attraction to people living in and visiting Victoria.

I reside on Wharf Street and enjoy the local life here – especially its street-life. Yes, there is urban noise that is both expected and enjoyable. Bar closings add to this, at times, but it is rarely, if ever, distracting or disturbing. Most of the time, the noise is that of traffic, construction, deliveries, and most often the sound of people enjoying themselves and the downtown. So, I do not see adding another venue in this area would be a troubling or disruptive risk.

Furthermore, the owners of the proposed venue – Mike & Lee Spence - already run a very successful, orderly, and attractive premises on Pandora. It attracts local and other Victorians and out-of-town visitors in a quiet, relaxing and very amicable venue. Importantly, the Drake Eatery has an excellent staff. Simply put, it is a very respectable and enjoyable attraction in the Downtown area that is already filled with many eating and drinking establishments. Having visited the Drake many times, noisy, rowdy or disorderly conduct seem alien to the site (as well as many others in the area, such as Swan's, Canoe, the Guild (recently closed), Little Jumbo, and Northern Quarter.

The downtown areas is thriving. It has need for businesses that attract and engage locals, other Victorians and tourists, especially when those businesses are managed with pride, quality and policed exceedingly well. I am sure this new venue will be just such an establishment. So, I encourage you to support and approve this venture.

Sincerely,

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Christine Havelka

Subject: FW: 506 Herald Street - Application for a Lounge Endorsement

From: Paul McNair <

Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 at 5:38 PM

To: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>

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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 fisgard street

Christine Havelka

Subject: FW: 506 Herald Street - Application for a Lounge Endorsement

From: Ferguson & Lowry <

Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 at 9:56 PM

To: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>

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Mayor Helps and Council
City of Victoria
No.1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC
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March 22, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have lived on the corner of Herald and Government Street for 27 years. I am delighted to see my neighbourhood become more vibrant. However, the Herald Street BrewPub should be reviewed with caution.

This is the same street in which previous liquor applications have been refused or limited; a marijuana dispensary was not allowed; that has the Chinatown Care Home (directly across from me); and new residential density with the Ironworks and the inevitable lower Chinatown developments.

I must say, as much as I like the existing neighbourhood lounge Phillips, two blocks north on Government Street, it has already created more noise issues for us nearby residents.

I'm afraid the much closer Herald Street Brewpub will only amplify this problem. As such, its hours should be limited to midnight as originally put forward, with a capacity of 100. Furthermore, my understanding is that the public area is partially outdoors (rooftop). This will create more noise issues and is another reason hours should be limited. Afterall, any city or non-profit special events that happen in Chinatown or in nearby Centennial Square have much earlier noise restrictions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Ferguson
#2001 - 1818 Government Street (facing Herald).

I live about 200 m from this Lounge proposal and favor it strongly. Why?

Our area needs life and activity at night- this actually deters crime!

That particular area is scruffy and needs investment.

Cruise passengers would LOVE a reason to walk PAST Fisgard St for 5 months a year. It is a bit of a dead zone north of Fisgard St. now.

It is private money being invested so LET them take the risk and TAX them and regulate them but get out of the way so business can operate. Thank you.

Gregor Campbell

120. 409 Swift St

Victoria BC

Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing this letter in support of the planned development at 506 Herald St in downtown Victoria.

As a resident of downtown I am quite aware of the issues surrounding commercial business and residential housing, especially in the Old Town and China Town neighbourhoods.

I have really enjoyed watching my city become more vibrant in the last few years. It is a pleasure to see people out in the streets after 8pm, enjoying cafes restaurants and pubs. It is reminiscent of other vibrant cities I have visited in the past, and I think that it makes a city more interesting and safer to have more businesses and people in the downtown core.

I have admired the Drake Eatery on Pandora St and have been going there with family and friends for years. It is a lovely casual place for all and it is responsibly run by experienced business people who have created a fun, safe and diverse place to enjoy food and craft beer in a responsible way, right in the heart of the city.

My understanding is that their new project is still awaiting a business permit before they can begin the building process. I believe that the Drake is a good example of the kind of business we want in the Old Town district. My residence is less than a block away and there have never been issues with customers becoming problematic. While it can be a common problem in establishments in the city, the Drake, due to its responsible practice have very few incidents of this kind of behaviour.

It is important to support these kinds of businesses so that Victoria doesn't become a corporate monoculture where the only people who can afford to run a business in the city are those who can afford the extreme delays in obtaining a business license. The expenses are mounting daily I am sure.

As a downtown resident, I whole heartedly support their business plan for 506 Herald St.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rode

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