

Cook Street Village Business Association

Feb 8th

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

Regarding; The Beagle Pub Application for a Permanent Change to a Liquor Primary Licence

Dear Ryan,

I am writing in regards to the APC for the Beagle Pub's hours to open early on weekends. As stated in the letter of support from my own business, the majority of business in the village do open at 9am and I see no reason to restrict this establishment from doing so as well. This change will predominantly let them accommodate patrons wishing to catch early morning televised sports matches of stature and not result in any increased disruption to life in this neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Glenn Barlow, Chair

CC CSVBA executive



3DS Ventures Inc.

DBA ~ Cook St. Liquor

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Sincerely,

Glenn Barlow, President
3DS Ventures Inc.

Ryan Morhart

From: Brian Pridham [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: The Beagle Pub

I am in favour of the The Beagle Pub located at 301 Cook St changing their opening hours from 11 am to 9 am on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Best,
Brian Pridham

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ryan Morhart

From: Shawn Jenkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 5:42 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Beagle Pub extended hours

Hello,

I received a letter in the mail today Regarding the proposal to extend the hours of the Beagle Pub. This is not something that I would support.

Thank you for allowing me to give feedback.

♥☐ from Shawn 🍻🍷

Monika Langer
1141 Oxford St.
Victoria, B.C.
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25 February, 2019
Manager, Permits & Inspections
Sustainable Planning and
Community Development Dept.
1 Centennial Square
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Dear Manager and City Council,

Please deny The Beagle Pub's request for a permanent change to its opening hours. I have no driveway and so must rely on parking on the street. It is already almost (and usually) impossible to find a spot near my house. When friends or relatives come to play music with me they usually have to carry their heavy instruments (such as cellos) and their music stands one or two blocks, because there are no available spots anywhere near my house. Extending the Pub's hours will make this situation even worse.

I beg you to deny the Pub's request.

Sincerely yours,
Monika Langer
(MONIKA LANGER)
1141 OXFORD ST.
VICTORIA, B.C.
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Ryan Morhart

From: Larry Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Liquor licence Beagle pub

Occasionally there is rowdy behavior at, or soon after closing time, especially on the weekends.

Last Saturday night, February 2nd, the business next door, "Surroundings" had a plate glass window smashed and my own vehicle, (parked outside 257 Cook) had the side mirror vandalized.

I therefore do not support any extension of opening the hours at the Beagle Pub.

Lawrence Lewis

#3 - 257 Cook st.

Ryan Morhart

From: Gary [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:17 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: The Beagle pub's application for expanded hours

Hello, please mark me down in the opposed camp on this application. Almost all of the other pubs nearby (other than the Bent Mast) does not open before 11am. I understand the desire to attract the breakfast crowd but they are a pub, not a restaurant. The village is undergoing a great deal of change at the present moment and we need to take a breather for a while. The Beagle has chipped away at the regulations that they do business under and will keep pushing for more and more relaxation of the regs. They have recently been successful with extending their closing time and have been allowed to expand their outside seating onto the west sidewalk. I am and have always been fine with those relaxations to the regulations regarding their operations but this one is a non starter for me.

regards, G Hadfield 1035 Sutlej

Ryan Morhart

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Re: Beagle Pub Hours

Thanks for the clarification.

Given that there are already other businesses in the area providing food services Saturday and Sunday mornings, I do not see the need for the Pub to be open.

I do not want my personal information disclosed.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

> On Feb 11, 2019, at 10:10 AM, Ryan Morhart <RMorhart@victoria.ca> wrote:

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> Good morning [REDACTED]

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> The requested change is to the opening hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Current opening hour is 11am for licensed service and the request is for that to be adjusted to 9 am. They are not proposing to be open all night long and closing hours are not proposed to be changed.

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> Trust that answers your question.

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> Thanks,

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> Ryan

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> Ryan Morhart

> Manager & Chief Building Official

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Family [REDACTED]
> Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 4:31 PM
> To: Ryan Morhart <RMorhart@victoria.ca>
> Subject: Beagle Pub Hours
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> I want to make sure I am understanding the request to change hours correctly. I believe the request is for the Pub to be able to stay open all night long Saturday and Sundays. Am I correct?
> [REDACTED]
> 312 Chester Avenue

Subject: 1126 Oxford Street

From: lee@burrproperties.com <lee@burrproperties.com>
Sent: March 5, 2019 11:47 AM
To: rmorhart@victoria.ca
Cc: lee@burrproperties.com
Subject: 1126 Oxford Street

Dear Mr. Morhart:

We write with regards to the recent notice we received about the application for earlier opening hours on Saturday and Sunday by the Beagle Pub located at 301 Cook Street.

Our client Tommy Louie owns the property located at **1126 Oxford Street** which is one property over from the rear of the pub. The house is tenanted in its entirety by one family comprising a mother and her daughter.

We have fielded a few complaints from the tenants about poor behaviour from the customers at the Pub, including:

- Talking loudly in the parking lot;
- Revving engines;
- Intoxicated people arguing;
- On more than one occasion the customers of the Pub have parked on the street in a manner that restricts the ingress and egress of vehicles from the property;

The tenants at 1126 Oxford have felt threatened by this behaviour, but as with the tenants at 1124 Oxford, they do not engage the people who behave this way as they do not want to get into a confrontation. It is also not useful to waste the time of law enforcement as these people move on, only to be replaced with another group of people with poor behaviour. There is little our office can do to police the behaviour of the transient clients of the Pub, complaints to the pub management directly by the Landlord have fallen on deaf ears.

In short, the Pub have been poor neighbours and we humbly request that the City reject the application to amend the opening hours to 9am from the current 11am. An approval of the application will interfere with the tranquility of the weekend mornings.

Respectfully for and on behalf of the Landlord Tommy Louie.

Andrew

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Dear Mr. Morhart:

Subject: 1124 Oxford Street

We write with regards to the recent notice we received about the application for earlier opening hours on Saturday and Sunday by the Beagle Pub located at 301 Cook Street.

Our client Tommy Louie owns the property located at **1124 Oxford Street** which is directly behind the pub, the house has two rental units; 1124-A and 1124-B, occupied by two families, including small children.

We have fielded several complaints from the tenants about poor behaviour from the customers at the Pub, including:

- Talking loudly in the parking lot;
- Revving engines;
- Peeing against the fence line;
- Intoxicated people arguing;
- On more than one occasion the customers of the Pub have parked on the street in a manner that restricts the ingress and egress of vehicles from the property;

The tenants at 1124 Oxford have felt threatened by this behaviour, but do not engage the people who behave this way as they do not want to get into a confrontation. It is also not useful to waste the time of law enforcement as these people move on, only to be replaced with another group of people with poor behaviour. There is little our office can do to police the behaviour of the transient clients of the Pub, complaints to the pub management directly by the Landlord have fallen on deaf ears.

The owners of the Pub have also allowed their fence to become completely rotten and it is falling down. During the recent wind storms several panels flew into our clients property; please see the photographs attached.

In short, the Pub have been poor neighbours and we humbly request that the City reject the application to amend the opening hours to 9am from the current 11am. An approval of the application will interfere with the tranquility of the weekend mornings.

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Subject: 257 and 271 Cook Street

Dear Mr. Morhart:

We write with regards to the recent notice we received about the application for earlier opening hours on Saturday and Sunday by *The Beagle Pub* located at 301 Cook Street.

Our client Tommy Louie owns the property located at **257 and 271 Cook Street** which is directly across Oxford street from the Beagle Pub. The two buildings contain four commercial tenants on the ground floor with eight residential apartments above.

Parking Issues:

The biggest concern here is parking. Mr. Louie's property has a small parking lot reserved primarily for the customers of the *Oxford Foods* supermarket. It is worthwhile noting that *Oxford Foods* is the only full service supermarket serving the Cook Street Village and most of their customers drive so that they may load heavy bags of groceries into their vehicle. The supermarket receives on an ongoing basis a number of complaints that there is no parking because customers of the Pub use the lot, despite there being ample signage on the lot, advising the public that the lot is exclusively for the use of supermarket customers while they shop at the store; in addition the Pub to their credit placed signage advising their customers NOT to park in the supermarket parking lot, the Pub clientele largely ignore the signage. This shows that the Pub on some level realizes the parking pressure their business places on their neighbours.

The supermarket has had to resort to training their staff to patrol the lot and have vehicles towed, these are staff that are being paid to manage the grocery business not patrol parking lots.

Competition in the grocery business is strong with razor-thin margins and *Oxford Foods* do not have the financial leverage behind them to compete head-on with the major supermarket chains on price. They resort to friendly service, free and ample parking and other incentives such as loss leaders and specials, on most days Tommy walks the business personally greeting customers by name and listening to their comments; they are one of the few locally owned, single store, family run, minority owned supermarkets that have managed to survive. However, if there is no parking available customers will drive down to *Thrifty Foods* in James Bay or Fairfield Plaza and soon to the upcoming *Save-On-Foods* at Pandora and Vancouver streets.

It is clear to anyone who spends time in the area that *The Beagle Pub* is not a local neighbourhood pub that residents walk or bike to; rather it is a **destination** that serves people who drive vehicles to the pub that is located in a densely populated neighbourhood with little parking. Mr. Louie raised these concerns to the City when the Pub requested more outdoor seats, the City proceeded to grant the Pub their request to the great dismay of Mr. Louie.

This new request to allow the Pub to open at 9am instead of the current 11am will impose further difficulty on the supermarket. Their clientele will without doubt use the supermarket lot placing this local business under greater pressure to identify patrons of the Pub and have cars towed while losing business to customers who cannot park nearby.

In short, the Pub have placed their neighbours, both commercial and residential in positions of ever increasing levels of difficulty and these are not indicators of a good neighbour. The Landlord once more humbly requests that the City deny the application from the Pub to amend their opening hours to 9am from the current 11am.

Respectfully for and on behalf of the Landlord Tommy Louie.

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