

Downtown Late Night Program

May 2019 Update

To provide Council with an update on the Late Night Program since the last report on March 24, 2016



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“Nothing good ever happens downtown after midnight”

San Francisco Chief of Police



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Mayor's Late Night Task Force

- Comprised of Mayor, Police Chief and Councillor
- Broad consultation in 2009
- 6 month pilot project
 - *Extended bus service*
 - *Supervised taxi stands*
 - *Four special duty police officers*
 - *Portable urinals*
- Program introduced in 2010



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City Strategic Plan

Objectives

- Prosperity and economic inclusion
- Health well-being and a welcoming city
- Strong, livable neighbourhoods

Specifically:

- Explore ways to end sexual harassment and assault in Victoria, including using the Good Night Out international model to create a safe nightlife campaign for Victoria venues, bars, clubs and festivals
- Advocate for late night bus service
- Develop a Municipal Alcohol Policy to address concerns brought forward by the Late Night Advisory Committee



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Program Budget

Initiative	Item	Cost
Taxi Zones	Security Staff and Signage	\$35,000
Enhanced Police Services	4 Special Duty Police Officers (Fridays, Saturdays)	\$215,500
Communications	Workshops, Materials and Messaging	\$4,400
		\$254,900

LIQUOR LICENSING REVENUE		
Food Primaries	253	\$50,373
Liquor Primaries	62	\$70,788
		\$121,161

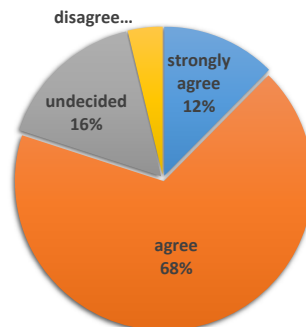


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The program continues to focus on:

1. Transportation
2. Public Safety
3. Resident Impacts
4. Personal Health
5. Development of Late Night Economy >>

Do you find downtown a fun place for evening entertainment?



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Late Night Advisory Committee

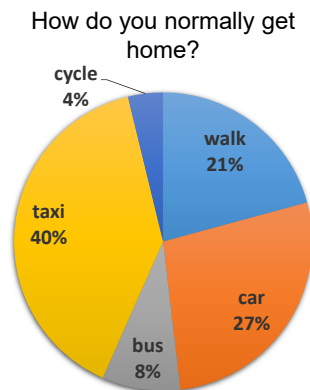
1. Is provided with updates on the late night conditions and program activities
2. Raises issues based on their observations
3. Makes suggestions for the program, within existing terms and allocated resources
4. May make recommendations to Council through the Councillor Liaison



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1. Transportation

- Taxis are highly used and still a shortage 1:30-2:30am
- Bus service expanded in 2014 (47-81 trips)
- To be extended to 2:45am in September 2019
- Ride sharing will also increase transportation options

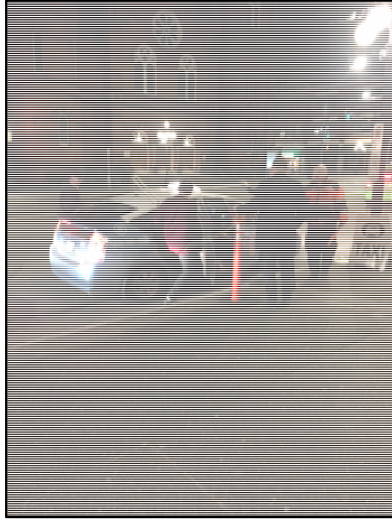


270-280 taxis



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Taxi Stands



City of Victoria Metrics and Statistics

DATE: Feb 14, 2017

NAME: John Doe

LOCATION (Civic Area): Georgetown / Water St / Wharf St

Statistics

Time	Number of Taxis Using Stand	Number of People Using Stand	Event Wait Time	Longest Wait Time
1700 - 1730	1	1	0	0
1730 - 1800	1	1	0	0
1800 - 1830	1	1	0	0
1830 - 1900	1	1	0	0
1900 - 1930	1	1	0	0
1930 - 2000	1	1	0	0
2000 - 2030	1	1	0	0
2030 - 2100	1	1	0	0
2100 - 2130	1	1	0	0
2130 - 2200	1	1	0	0
2200 - 2230	1	1	0	0
2230 - 2300	1	1	0	0
Total	10	10	0	0

Anti-Drugs Metrics - Street Retail Issues

Time	Fighting Overlaid on Taxis	Aggression Related to Taxis	Open Liquor	Excessive Intoxication
1700 - 1730	0	0	0	0
1730 - 1800	0	0	0	0
1800 - 1830	0	0	0	0
1830 - 1900	0	0	0	0
1900 - 1930	0	0	0	0
1930 - 2000	0	0	0	0
2000 - 2030	0	0	0	0
2030 - 2100	0	0	0	0
2100 - 2130	0	0	0	0
2130 - 2200	0	0	0	0
2200 - 2230	0	0	0	0
2230 - 2300	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Notes:

Police Officer: John Doe

Other Notes: Long wait to take a taxi - always waited with taxi. Only one taxi stopped a night.

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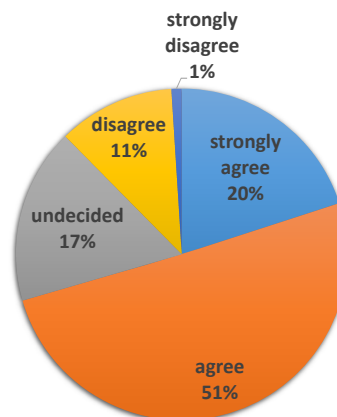
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2. Public Safety

Most people feel safe in the downtown (71%)



Would you say you feel safe walking the streets at night?



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VicPD Late Night Officers

- 4 officers
- Accompanied by reserve officers
- 10:30 to 3:30am
- Fridays, Saturdays

10:30	• Patrol downtown streets
11:30	• Inspect licensed venues and support BarWatch
12:30	• Patrol and inspect
1:30	• Patrol for intoxication, violence and disturbance
2:30	• Monitor bar closing for safe crowd dispersal

15 min	• Public Urination Ticket
30 min	• Drinking in Public
1 hr	• Impaired Driving
4 hrs	• Assault / Arrest



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BarWatch

Venue operated with VicPD support



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Multi Agency Task Force

Multi-Agency Task Force - June 16 Tour							
Venue	Licence		Fire	VicPD	Bylaw	LCLB	IH
Argyle Attic	FP		😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Bartholomew's Pub	LP	PP, patio	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Browns Social Club	FP	patio	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Canoe Brewpub	LP/FP	PP, patio	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Drake	LP		😊	😊	😊	😞	😊
Duke Saloon	LP	PP	😊	😊	😊	😡	😊
El Furniture Warehouse	LP	PP, patio	😊	😞	😊	😊	😊
Famous Originals	LP		😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Logans	LP		😊	😊	😊	😊	😊

Quarterly tours of downtown venues



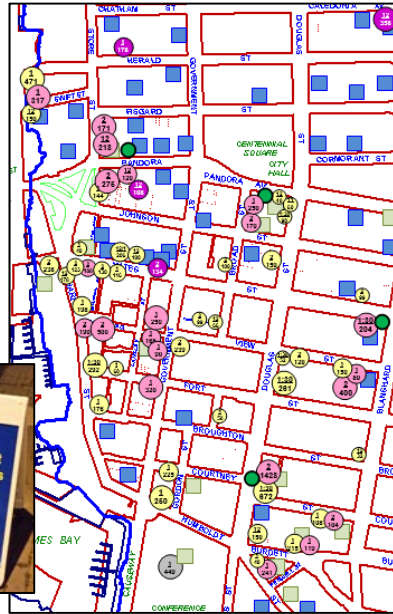
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3. Resident Impacts

Disturbance is centred on the interface between downtown residences and late night venues



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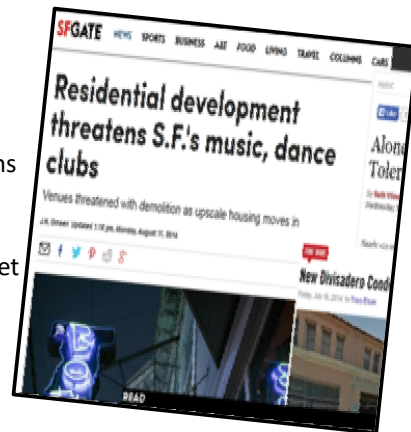
San Francisco

Residential Developments

- Developers must have hearing with Entertainment Commission prior to approval <100m from a venue
- Commission may make recommendations including:
 - Sound proofing
 - Location of patios and access to street
 - Disclosure Statements

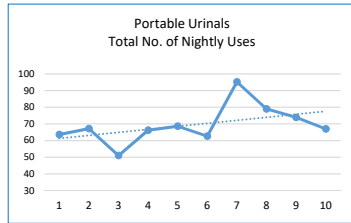
Places of Entertainment

- All have City entertainment licences
- Sound levels set for each establishment
- Progressive and immediate enforcement



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Peeosks



Victoria's little, utilitarian 'peeosks' prove effective in war against public urination

There are six of the peeosks, each costing \$250, and since 2013 they have been put out on weekends, through a program sponsored by restaurant and bar owners

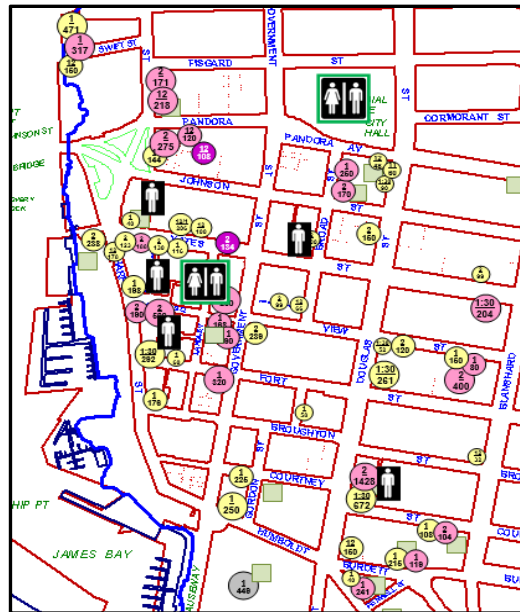


One of the open air urinals installed outside of bars in Victoria, B.C. (courtesy City of Victoria)

First 3 months, 67 uses a night



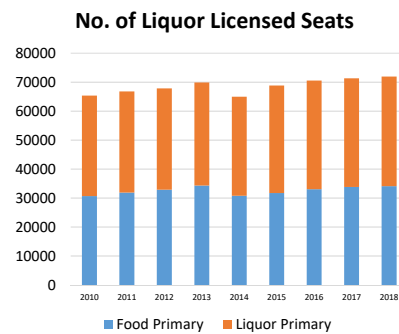
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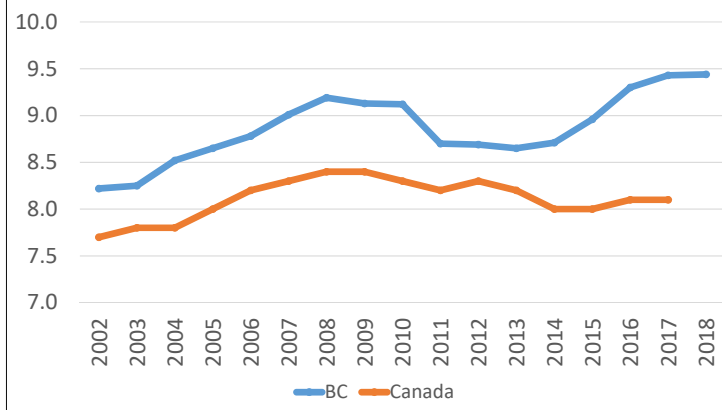
4. Personal Health

- Price and availability (locations, hours) are key factors
- 2014 provincial liquor policy expands liquor availability



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Per Capital Alcohol Consumption BC and Canada

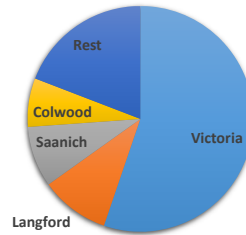


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5. Developing the Late Night Economy

- Downtown is the entertainment centre for Greater Victoria
- Contributes to quality of life, and attracts young professionals and businesses
- Direct/indirect employment, taxes, arts and culture
- economy

No. Liquor Licence Seats

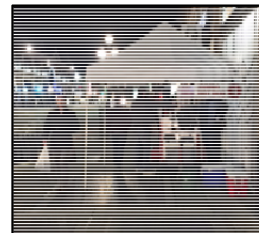
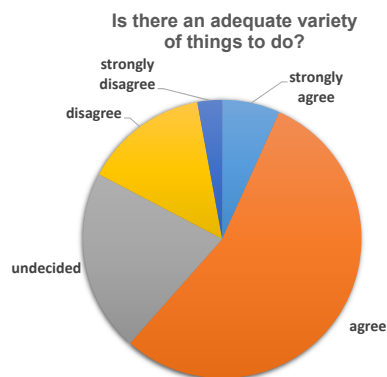


	Jobs	GDP
Edmonton	11,719	\$1.3B
Victoria	3,262	\$371M



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Potential for development of evening and late night



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Municipal Alcohol Policy

- Guidelines for alcohol service at City facilities, parks and public space
- Improving safety and security for patrons
- Encouraging healthy alcohol consumption levels
- Managing impacts to residents
- Supporting a thriving late night economy



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