To Whom It May Concern:

We at Ile Sauvage Brewing Company are really excited to be a new craft beer experience here in Victoria. We have been operating for the last 5 months with a Lounge Endorsement with a maximum occupancy of 30 persons.

So far, it has been an amazing experience and we have served lots of happy local residents and have not had any issues with noise nor any other disturbances in our neighbourhood. As we are a niche product (sour beer) people from all over Victoria and travellers alike have sought us out for the artisanal products we are making and serving.

For this current application, all we are seeking is to increase our Lounge occupancy number from 30 to 60 persons to be able to offer a more flexible venue for private events, and ensure we have adequate occupancy capacity for our regular lounge operation.

The composition of our neighbourhood is primarily a mixture of heavy/light industry and commercial. There are no residences within any significant proximity to our establishment. We see the potential for noise disturbances to be low for our business. Our primary hours of operation will likely see alcohol service end by 10pm. Our immediate neighbours are all businesses with hours of operation ceasing around 5pm. Our impact on parking is similar, we intend to operate primarily outside of the normal hours of operation of our neighbours, reducing the load on available parking.

During our rezoning process of our property to allow for the lounge, we received unanimous support from the Burnside/Gorge community association with respect to our business vision and plan. City of Victoria council also approved our rezoning application for the brewery/lounge model. To receive approval for our initial lounge application, we also completed a public notification process through the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, where the only response was in favour of our application.

We hope you will consider our application for an amendment to our occupancy numbers and hours of operation as we feel we will still be a positive asset to the area with these minor changes.

Thank you.

Stephane Turcotte
Ile Sauvage Brewing Company