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Subject: RE: LL000294 Leopold's Tavern | 570 Yates Street

The application for "Leopold's Tavern" is for a new liquor primary licence.

The location, 570 Yates St, falls within an area populated with numerous other licensed establishments. The immediate area (500 block Yates St) is mixed-use, comprised of retail, government, food/restaurant, residential, and office/commercial. The area is one which generates an unusually high call-volume for police (721 calls for service for the past 12 months, the period June 18, 2018 to June 18, 2019) This does however include two unrelated 'hot spots'. Taking out these two 'hot spots' brings that total from 721 down to 373. However, those numbers are still relevant when considering the impacts on this particular neighbourhood and the residents that live here.

The addition of a new liquor primary establishment contributes to liquor-related disorder and calls-for-service later into the night. The effects that could be attributed specifically to this application are difficult to predict or determine. Documented issues are rarely assigned specifically to one address, but are commonly tagged to the block in which the incident(s) occur.

There is some history for this particular address when it operated with a liquor licence in the past, however, there have been significant additions to the residential population in the block and immediately surrounding area.

VicPD cannot support an application for a new liquor-primary establishment. An increase in the total liquor seats and/or hours equates to a greater demand on police resources, resulting in decreased level of service to the community. Current service and staffing levels cannot manage any further increase to liquor-related calls for service. VicPD is already heavily reliant on funding through the Late Night Task Force to meet even the most basic operational needs in the downtown core during the busy liquor hours (evening through to the early morning hours). There is no additional operational capacity to handle the increased call load that would result from this application, similar applications, and the incremental effect that they have collectively.



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