

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 1, 2019

For the Council meeting of August 8, 2019, the Committee recommends the following:

1. 1450 Douglas Street - Liquor License Application No. 000296 - Veneto Tapa Lounge (Downtown)

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor Licensing Agency:

1. Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Veneto Tapa Lounge located at 1450 Douglas Street having hours of operation from 9:00 am to 1:30 am daily with the existing occupant load of 36 persons.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment has been considered in relation to the request, and assumptions are the noise impacts would be negligible based on experience with the operator, and nature of the request. The requested hours of operation in conjunction with the existing occupant load are not expected to result in negative impacts to the community.
- b. If the application is approved, the impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the business plan and long-term viability of the establishment.
- c. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out which included 370 letters to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received two letters in response to the request, both of which supported the application and included one letter of support from the Downtown Residents Association.
- d. Council recommends the license endorsements be approved.

2. 1450 Douglas Street - Liquor License Application No. 000297 - Café Veneto (Downtown)

That Council direct staff to provide the following response to the Liquor Licensing Agency:

1. Council, after conducting a review with respect to noise and community impacts, does support the application of Cafe Veneto located at 1450 Douglas Street having hours of operation from 9:00 am to 1:00 am daily with the existing occupant load of 96 persons.

Providing the following comments on the prescribed considerations:

- a. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment has been considered in relation to the request, and assumptions are the noise impacts would be negligible based on experience with the operator, and nature of the request. The requested hours of operation in conjunction with the existing occupant load are not expected to result in negative impacts to the community.
- b. If the application is approved, the impact on the community is expected to be positive economically as the approval supports the business plan and long-term viability of the establishment.
- c. If the application is approved, it is not expected to result in the service area being operated in a manner contrary to the primary purpose.
- d. The views of residents were solicited via a mail out which included 370 letters to neighbouring property owners and occupiers within 100 metres of the licensed location and a notice posted at the property. The City received two letters in response to the request, both of which supported the application and included one letter of support from the Downtown Residents Association.
- e. Council recommends the license endorsements be approved.

3. **Council Member Motion - Attendance at the Canadian Capital Cities Conference, Regina, SK Sept. 15-17**

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe to attend the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Conference to be held in Regina, September 15th – 17th, 2019.

4. **Council Member Motion - Regional Deer Management**

That the Mayor add her signature along with other municipalities in the Region to a letter written to the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development asking to meet with the Minister at UBCM to discuss regional deer management and to request that we utilize a region-wide deer immuno-contraception strategy to manage and gradually reduce the deer population across our municipalities.

6. **School Crossing Guards - Report back on Strategic Plan Grant**

That Council provide the Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association an additional grant of \$69,000 from contingency in addition to the recently awarded \$25,000 grant to cover expenses from September 2019 to June 2020 and increase service levels from prior years by filling vacancies at the Bay and Forbes, Hillside and Doncaster intersections.