

Ryan Morhart

From: Ali Khashei [REDACTED]
Sent: May 14, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Comment about the new Liquor License for 777 Douglas

Hi,

I am the owner of a condo just 20 meters away of 777 Douglas. It's in a 14 story building with residents in ages mostly over 55 with all their physical and mental problems. And there are 5-6 same buildings in a distance not more than 100 meters. So like anybody else needs to sleep well at night.

I am not opposed to drinking with friends and enjoying life but those 46 customers of the 777 Douglas who want to drink till 1am have choices to go to the lovely pubs in government st. and let us sleep well.

BTW, in middle of COVID-19 uncertainty, is it necessary to spend time on these less important things.

Thanks and regards

Ali Khashei

Ryan Morhart

From: am lohner [REDACTED]
Sent: April 30, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: public comment on liquor license application for 777 Douglas St.

We're opposed to the issuance of a license to serve liquor at 777 Douglas Street. Bars privatize the profit from the sale of liquor and socialize the costs to the community in the form of drunk and disorderly conduct, public urination and vomiting, noise, and malicious destruction of property. The Humboldt Valley around 777 Douglas Street is a neighbourhood where many people live, including kids and employees who need to get up for school and work, who would be sharper at school and work if they weren't woken up repeatedly by the "antics" of barflies in the middle of the night, the yelling and knocking over of mailboxes, etc. The Humboldt Valley is an intermediate district on the noise map because it is relatively densely populated by residents, visitors, and commuters, each of whom will create a certain amount of unavoidable noise in the process of peacefully going about their business. That is understood. But intoxicated bar customers—and intoxicated bar owners and employees, as we've also experienced here—create way more than their fair share of noise and other trouble.

Sincerely,
A.M. Lohner
737 Humboldt St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1B1

Ryan Morhart

From: Astrid Frayne [REDACTED]
Sent: May 13, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Ryan Morhart
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Humboldt valley committee

Extending pub hours

We are completely against the request for a primary liquor license extending from 9 am to 1 am at 777 Douglas St. The Falls, Aria, Belvedere, Astoria etc are all residential properties in the Humboldt Valley and have been zoned by the city as such. People whose lives evolve around family, work, school etc.

They deserve a safe quiet neighborhood.

To approve these pub hours in a residential area is also to approve an increase in noise level, late gathering outside the pub area, smoking, drug usage, altercations, late taxi service, crime etc. into that area. All these problems are already evident around properties like the Sticky Wicket

The residents living on the north side of the Falls complain regularly of the noise and unsafe conditions which have involved police and ambulance services on the Courtney side of the building.

Pubs in other residential areas are closed at 11 pm. For good reason. It gives balance to the neighborhood and reduces noise and safety issues.

To give power to one percent of the population and ignore noise by laws etc and the needs of the 99 % living and working in the area would be destructive and totally preventable.

Sent from my iPad

Ryan Morhart

From: Nancy Sherwood [REDACTED]
Sent: May 28, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Response to Application for amended Liquor License
Attachments: Scan_20200509.png

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

Please find attached the letter that came to us from the City of Victoria. We live within 100 metres of Bartholomew's Pub, so the City has to ask for our input before they allow a change in a liquor license. Our concern is that there is a lot of noise and yelling on Friday and Saturday nights. If we open our window it is hard to go to sleep because of the noise even on the 10th floor of our condo; if we close the window, it is sweltering on warm nights. A closing time of midnight is late, but 1:00 am makes it very difficult to go to sleep as the Pub is across the street on our South side. We strongly object to extending the hours for Bartholomew's Pub.

On the other side of our condo building (The Falls), The Strathcona serves liquor and the noise to the North side of our condo building is so bad that many of the condos directly across on lower floors have been converted to AirBnB rentals. The Falls owns one condo directly across from the Strathcona, which they assigned to our building manager. He and his wife couldn't stand the noise so they were reassigned to the South Tower. Now the condo across from the Strathcona is rented to a woman who only stays there on Monday morning to Friday afternoon and goes home on the weekends somewhere outside of Victoria. I would hate to see the noise level continue to increase for our South Tower.

We also think it is not good to start serving liquor at 9 am, as there is an outdoor pool table near Bartholomew's Pub entrance and lots of pedestrians and kids walk down Humboldt Street. Why is it necessary for anyone to start drinking at 9am? Also, the patrons from The Strathcona take smoking breaks throughout the day on the sidewalk that we must use to reach the downtown. I assume the Bartholomew's Pub patrons will do the same. The City of Victoria allowed massive development of condos in the downtown. Surely they must have realized that late night noise and yelling along with smoking outside the Pubs was not compatible with residential living.

Thank you for considering this response.

Sincerely,
Nancy and Terry Sherwood

[REDACTED]

Ryan Morhart

From: Kerry Rudd [REDACTED]
Sent: April 29, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Application for new Liquor Primary License - 777 Douglas Street

My wife and I are the owners of N608, 737 Humboldt Street, Victoria. This apartment is on the north side of the north tower of the Aria apartment building, and overlooks Humboldt Street and the Double Tree hotel property.

We confirm that we have no objection to the application as outlined in your letter dated April 20, 2020 on the understanding that this would not impact any outdoor space, such as a terrace or patio. If this modified licence would allow for expanded hours of operation on any outdoor areas we would be opposed to the application. Our concern relates to noise levels later in the night.

Regards

Kerry Rudd

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Mayor Lisa Helps and Council
City of Victoria
c/o Mr. Ryan Morhart – Manager, Permits and Inspections
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May 12th, 2020

Re: 777 Douglas Street, The Humboldt: Liquor Primary Licence Application

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

Members of the DRA LUC met with the applicant's representative, Bert Hick, on 22 January 2020 to discuss the new liquor primary application for 777 Douglas Street. From this meeting and correspondence from the City we understand the following:

- While the application is for a new standalone liquor primary license, it is for a 46-person capacity area that is already approved by the Liquor Branch on the existing Bartholomew's liquor primary license.
- This application seeks to separate the capacity of 46 onto its own liquor primary license.
- The new liquor primary license will be for the same capacity of 46 persons and will be known as "The Humboldt".
- The 46-person capacity will be deleted from the Bartholomew's license through a structural change application to the Liquor Branch, which was sent in for processing to the Liquor Branch with the application for the new liquor primary license.
- There will be no increase of liquor primary seats at the hotel.
- The new license for The Humboldt will have the same hours as the existing license – 9am to 1 am 7 days a week.

DRA LUC members have reviewed the application, do not have any concerns, and support the application as presented.

Sincerely,

Ian Sutherland

Chair, Land Use Committee,
Downtown Residents Association

Ryan Morhart

From: Robert Newton [REDACTED]
Sent: May 19, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Re: Liquor Primary Licence

Thank you Ryan,

That explains what I needed to know. I was concerned about another patio or outdoor area opening up on this already busy corner. The present licensees have well run establishments, so I have no fear that this will change under this application.

Thanks again,

Robert Newton
405 - 708 Burdett Avenue
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On May 19, 2020, at 10:48 AM, Ryan Morhart <RMorhart@victoria.ca> wrote:

Good morning Robert,

The application would not result in the creation of additional licence capacity. It is necessary to carve off a portion of an existing licence so that it can be operated independently. Might be easier to provide understanding in conversation. I can call you if you prefer so you can ask more questions.

Please let me know and forward your number if you'd like me to call you.

Thanks,

Ryan

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From: Robert Newton [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Ryan Morhart <RMorhart@victoria.ca>
Subject: Liquor Primary Licence

Good morning!

I have received a notice of an application for a liquor primary licence at 777 Douglas Street. I have a couple of questions regarding this licence. Is this an additional licence at this address and is it an outdoor venue, an indoor venue with access to an outside area or is it strictly an indoor venue?

Thank you,

Robert Newton
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