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Subject: RE: Staff Review | LL000329 Swans | 510 Pandora Ave

The application from Swans appears to be limited to an increase in seating capacity, with the accompanying expansion of the service area and floorplan. The increase from 171 to 282 is significant. However, the nature of the neighbourhood and historical use of the site mitigates the concerns related to the increase in seating capacity. This is a well-established liquor premise within the entertainment core of downtown.

In the current landscape of the neighbourhood, we can't foresee any significant impacts to neighbours as they relate to noise from the premise. However, increasing the capacity by 65% would result in higher foot traffic and the accompanying noise by patrons. So much of this depends on the business model of the premise and their continued responsible operation of the venue. (as a good neighbour)

The encroachment of residential developments nearby Swans (Janion, Union et al) causes some concern.

As always, we are concerned about the incremental impacts of increasing the number of liquor seats in the downtown core, and our ability as the police department to service the needs of the community (overall – not just specifically related to this site/application, or event the immediate neighbourhood).

Other factors could make the assessment of this application look quite different: What if the nightclub downstairs opens back up? What if the nightclub one block to the south reopens? (beside/below Café Mexico – “Infinity” among several names over the past 30 years?)



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Good morning,

The attached application to LCRB is for Swans' Structural Change Application to increase the occupant load from 171 to 282 people with no adjustment to existing hours that are 9:00 am – 2:00 am daily. The application and approved occupant load - floor plan are attached for your review.

Please review and submit your comments by Friday, November 20th.

Review and comment by City Staff including Police, Bylaw, Engineering, Sustainable Planning & Community Development, and Business and Community Relations is required. The comments will support a recommendation to council and in preparation of your comments please consider the following as requested by LCLB;

- the location of the establishment, and
- the person capacity and hours of liquor service of the establishment.

Comments should be focused to the following, also as requested by LCLB:

- The impact of noise on nearby residents; and
- The impact on the community if the application is approved

Thanks,

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