

Ryan Morhart

From: Chris Caldwell [REDACTED]
Sent: September 13, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: August 18/21 Letter re Vicious Poodle - Tenant Feedback (727 Johnson St)

To:
City of Victoria

re: August 18/21 Letter re Vicious Poodle

I'm writing to address my concern with the proposed extended bar hours to 2:00 am submitted by The Vicious Poodle bar located at 726 Johnson Street.

My initial concern is that the front facing apartments to the bar/street, where I reside, only have windows at the front directly facing the bar, there are no other windows on the side or back of the unit to open. So, closing the window (due to loud noise) to block the yelling and music is not an option. Also, the bedroom is open concept with only a partial glass wall and no bedroom door, leaving it open to hear the night life on the street. After the bar is closed, the patrons will usually congregate outside on the sidewalk or sit on the curb directly across from me, laughing loud, talking loudly, or yelling. Having a venue selling booze across from a residential building, I'm sure you can appreciate and imagine the scene. Now extend those hours to 2 am and you have people not leaving until 3 am.

I won't rant that my building at 727 Johnson Street will become a high-turnover building and that eventually I will be forced to leave due to the loud music/screaming, but I will stress that I think one day there will be an altercation between a tenant(s) and the bar nightlife. I've already heard one tenant yelling across the street for someone to 'shut-up'.

I was passing a tenant in the building and they were complaining that they could here the patrons at the BACK of the building, yelling/cheering 'OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOH" incessantly, which I'm guessing is provoked from the drag performers. I try to schedule my bike ride, gym, grocery shopping around the weekend brunch drag shows due to the noise. I didn't picture my life would be working and living at home due to Covid and having to be subjected to live drag shows and hearing Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 song being played repeatedly.

Lastly the bar door is usually wide open, which I'm assuming is due to COVID, but also allows the sound to travel farther. Frankly, with COVID and the Delta variant out there, I am SHOCKED that the City of Victoria is letting a social venue allow patrons to be yelling in a small establishment considering the gravity of this virus.

Considering the mental stress and toll of the lock-down and all other stress life has been for many folks these past two years, I'm hoping the City of Victoria will show some compassion for the tenants at 727 Johnson Street and not extend the bars hours. Sleep is a necessity.

Thank you for allowing the tenants at 727 Johnson Street to voice their input.

Chris Caldwell

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Ryan Morhart

From: Ian Munroe [REDACTED]
Sent: August 26, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Application for Liquor License extended hours to 2:00 am - 726 Johnson St, Victoria

I am totally **opposed** to extending hours to 2:00 am for this establishment especially for the outdoor patio. The patio is not even large enough for 17 people at approximately 160 sq ft but they have squeezed table areas tightly together without Covid spacing. This table configuration and spacing is a health risk to Patrons and Servers.

This application is not in keeping with the neighbourhood responsibilities of businesses in our Community. This business is across the street from residences. If approved the patio will disrupt sleep of nearby residents and create after hours spill over of intoxicated patrons.

The Vicious Poodle is seeking a new liquor primary licence. What is not clear in this application is to what type of licence? I am sure their only goal is to extend serving hours. The process is not transparent in that the licence type they are applying for is not stated. I am guessing they are applying for 2:00 AM opening by requesting a change to their licence type from food primary to liquor primary. That is not what the neighbourhood signed up for when the original application went out for consultation. We were OK with a restaurant serving liquor with reasonable closing hours. Not a primary liquor establishment with 2:00 am closing.

We don't want another Granville Street. This is Victoria.

Please...If the Application is considered please do not include the outdoor patio area but only the indoor 140 people limit. And hopefully that will not be approved either.

Ian Munroe
760 Johnson St
Victoria

Ryan Morhart

From: Taxpayer [REDACTED]
Sent: August 26, 2021 6:45 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: The Vicious Poodle Liquor Primary License

Dear Manager, Permits & Inspections,
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department (City of Victoria):

We received your notice dated August 19, 2021 regarding the application for a new Liquor Primary License for The Vicious Poodle located at 726 Johnson Street. The restaurant wants to provide liquor service from 9:00 am to 2:00 am daily. We are strongly opposed to this application and request that you vote to reject it, or at least restrict the hours to no later than 12:00 am.

We are part owners of a residence at 760 Johnson Street, which is within 100 meters of the above-mentioned restaurant. Our son lives in the residence at 760 Johnson. We feel that allowing liquor to be sold past 12:00 am would adversely affect personal safety, security of property, and public order, for residents in the area. It also may indirectly reduce the value of our property if safety and public disorder concerns increase.

The Statistics Canada report released July 15, 2021 states that "The police-reported impaired driving rate increased by 19% in 2019 from 2018, ending a downward trend that began in 2011". Here is the link to the report: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2021001/article/00012-eng.htm> The report also states that alcohol-impaired driving peaks on weekends and late evenings. Other sources state that the worst hours are 12:00 am to 3:00 am.

According to an article in the Times Colonist on August 1, 2021 Victoria Police were so overwhelmed during an impaired driving roadblock that they had to shut down after only two hours. They did not have enough personnel to handle the number of impaired drivers. Here is the link to the article: [With more impaired drivers than officers can handle, Victoria police shut roadblock down early | Times Colonist](#) Please do not exasperate this problem by extending the hours of liquor service to this establishment. Victoria City Police already have too many impaired driving incidents to properly handle without extending the licensed hours of The Vicious Poodle.

Social order is another concern when liquor service is offered by establishments too late in the evening. All you need to do is to visit the Victoria Police Department 2021 safety report to see how the calls for service for "social order" have been dramatically increasing. For your convenience, here's the link: [2021 Q1 - VicPD.ca](#)

May I remind you that your Downtown Core Area Plan (updated June 2020), under Section 9 Community Vitality states the following: *"9.10. Work with the Victoria Police Department and community partners to improve personal safety, security of property and public order within the Downtown Core Area"*. We believe that keeping licensed service hours shorter rather than longer better contributes to improving personal safety, security and public order. Please vote to reject the application by The Vicious Poodle.

Sincerely,
Jeff and Sheryl St.Gelais

Part owners of 204-760 Johnson Street, Victoria, BC
250-477-7793

Ryan Morhart

From: Joyce zhang [REDACTED]
Sent: September 8, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Concern new Liquor Primary Licence 726 Johnson St

To whom may concern,

I'm the owner of 716 Johnson St Tomley's Market, I have concern about the Liquor Primary Licence 726 Johnson St, If the application gets approved, there will be serious problems for the neighbourhood.

1. There will be increased number of incidents that some customers piss on the property and toss cigarette butts.
2. Homeless people and drug addict will hanging around, harass bypassing pedestrians or panhandling.
3. Increased demand of street parking, which impacts our retail customers.
4. There would be possibility of the street fighting.

Thanks for your consideration

William Yang