

July 29, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Ryan Morhart
Manager of Permits & Inspections
Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square,
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mr. Morhart:

Re: Le

Letter of Rationale/Letter of Intent

Application for Extended Hours to 2 am and

**Application for Patron Participation Entertainment** 

At: Toptable Victoria

1515 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2G4

Applicant: 0995300 B.C. Ltd

Food Primary Licence Application in process with LCRB Job Number 016260

The writer is assisting the above Applicant with this request to the City of Victoria and the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch for an extension of liquor service hours to 2 am from the standard hours of 9 am to 12 Midnight and a Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement on the Application for the Food Primary License Job Number 016260 currently in process with the Liquor Branch.

The Applicant 0995300 B.C. Ltd is requesting the extended hours to 2 am and the patron participation entertainment endorsement for this food primary licence to better serve the general public of Victoria and the tourist population of Victoria and to give greater operating flexibility to this venue.

The Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement will enable patrons to dance in the food primary licensed area of the establishment.

The extension of the licensing hours from 12 Midnight to 2 am will also benefit the community in that it will provide employment opportunities and provide a source of tax revenue for the Local, Provincial and Federal Governments. It will further diversify this new restaurant venue in the City of Victoria.

Toptable Victoria does not envisage any adverse impacts on the community with the extended hours of liquor service and patron participation entertainment endorsement. Indeed, it will have positive impacts and benefits offering greater flexibility for the dining public.

The nature of the establishment is such that there should be no noise impact on the community with the extended hours and the patron participation entertainment endorsement and the applicant will not operate the food primary licensed area contrary to its primary purpose as a food primary licensed restaurant.

The applicant also submits the following additional factors for consideration:

- This restaurant will be located on Douglas Street and will add to the Restaurant and Hospitality offerings in Downtown Victoria and will have the added amenity of the extended hours and a patron participation endorsement to enable patrons to dine and dance.
- This establishment is not operated as a pub or neighbourhood house.
- The experience is that establishments such as Toptable Victoria tend not to create problems in the community as they are food primary licensed restaurants.
- The patron participation entertainment will end at 12 Midnight as stated by the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch.

Mr. Roberto Aquilini of 0995300 B.C. Ltd/Toptable Group has a very positive record with the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch, the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police Department as well as the Resort Municipality of Whistler and Whistler RCMP where his current liquor licensed establishments are located.

We are respectfully requesting the approval by the City of Victoria for the extended hours of liquor service to 2 am and also the patron participation entertainment endorsement for this food primary licensed establishment for Toptable Victoria.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Thanks kindly for your assistance.

Yours truly, RISING TIDE CONSULTANTS

Susan Mander

Liquor Licensing Specialist

