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CITY OF VICTORIA | Sustainable Planning and Community Development

LCRB Application Strathcona Hotel 919 Douglas Street

Application for Liquor Primary
Structural Change (Capacity Increase)

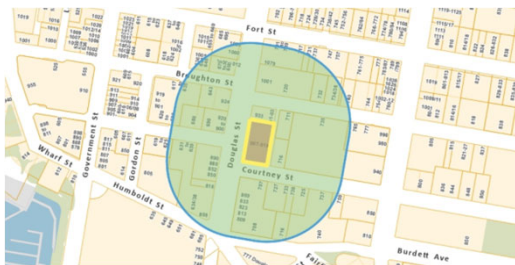
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LCRB Application for Structural Change

Strathcona Hotel at 919 Douglas Street
Liquor Primary – Structural Change (Capacity Increase)
Application to increase liquor primary capacity by 117 people



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Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB)

LCRB regulates service of liquor at:

- Restaurants
- Bars
- Pubs
- Retailers
- Manufacturers
- Special Events


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LCRB Approvals

Based on:

- Criminal Background Checks
 - Local Government
 - Municipal Input
 - Public Input
 - Occupant Load Approvals
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- Potential for noise
 - Potential for impact on the community

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Local Government

- Staff Review
 - Police, Bylaw, Planning, Business and Community Relations and Engineering
 - Zoning regulation, liquor policy and the Liquor Licencing Fee Bylaw
- Public Notification and Comment
 - Notice Posted at entrance to establishment
 - Mailed Notice to within 100m of establishment
 - 30 days to provide comment
- Local Government provides a resolution with comment on:
 - Potential for Noise
 - Potential for Impact on the Community

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LCRB Application

| LICENCE TYPE | |
|--------------------------|---|
| EXISTING | Liquor Primary Licence |
| HOURS – EXISTING | |
| EXISTING | 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. every day |
| OCCUPANT LOAD – EXISTING | |
| EXISTING | Liquor Primary: 183 people Food Primary: 117 people Total: 300 people |
| OCCUPANT LOAD – PROPOSED | |
| PROPOSED | Liquor Primary: 300 people Food Primary: 0 people Total: 300 people |

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Staff Review and Public Comment

- **Staff Review**
 - No impacts were identified related to the capacity increase, as there is no change in occupancy or hours of operation
 - The existing establishment works with Bylaw Services to ensure compliance with the City's Noise Bylaw
 - Staff including Police support the application and do not anticipate negative community impacts
- **Public Comment**
 - Letters were sent to 431 owners and occupants
 - In response, 15 letters were received – 14 were opposed and one was supportive
 - The Downtown Residents Association indicated in a letter to Council that they cannot endorse the application

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Recommendation

That Council direct staff to notify the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that Council supports the application of Strathcona Hotel, located at 919 Douglas Street, to increase the liquor primary capacity by 117 people, from 183 to 300, with no overall change to the occupant load through the conversion of 117 existing food primary seats.

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