

Ryan Morhart

From: Debbie Sherwood <Debbie@elevateconsulting.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: Response to application for permanent change to liquor primary liquor licence

Hello,

On behalf of Elevate Consulting, a business located at 31 Bastion Square, we support D'arcy McGee's (of 1127 Wharf Street) application for a permanent change to a liquor primary liquor licence, and to extend their closing hours from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.



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Mayor Lisa Helps and Council
City of Victoria
c/o Mr. Ryan Morhart – Manager, Permits and Inspections
No.1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC
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May 1, 2017

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

Re: Application to Amend Liquor Licence – Extend Hours – Darcy McGee's

I have received notice of the application to amend the Liquor Licence for Darcy McGee's to extend the hours of liquor service from 1:00 am to 2:00 am Friday and Saturday.

While I am generally quite supportive of food and beverage operations within the downtown I feel I must point out to Council that the Bastion Square area has a high concentration of late operating Liquor Primary Licencees and there are ongoing negatives for all Bastion Square property owners associated with these operations.

I own a historic building fronting Bastion Square and like my neighbours have spent significant funds to restore our heritage buildings and keep them in fine condition. We currently spend significant additional sums constantly repairing vandalism and cleaning vomit and urine from our doorways made by patrons exiting the nearby establishments. The establishments that create these issues contribute nothing to these costs.

I understand that the current situation was established many years ago but there currently exists some "staggering" of closing hours of the various establishments. Any extension of opening hours to the maximum possible opening time for yet another establishment adjacent to Bastion Square would not encourage patrons to disperse over the course of the evening but instead concentrate them in our immediate area adding to the already significant public nuisance and damage.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Sutherland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Sutherland, Owner 45 Bastion Square

Ryan Morhart

From: Katy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Ryan Morhart
Subject: re notice of application for a permanent change to liquor primary licence for Darcy's at 1127 Wharf
Attachments: IMG_6492.MOV

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

I own two thirds of the building located at 1218 Wharf Street. My husband and I live and work there; our home is above Shima Sushi and our law firm is beneath it on the harbour side. Our bedroom projects directly over the street. We enjoy the urban nature of our lifestyle and expect the neighbourhood to be lively.

However, I am concerned about the already existing volume of people coming out of bars into the street at 2am. I have attached a sound file for you to hear what we hear in our bedroom between 2am and 3am on weekends. This recording is from March and the level of sound increases exponentially as the weather improves. Patrons leaving Upstairs, The Guild, Lucky and other establishments in the area congregate on the street outside the Joint Pizzeria. It is often chaotic and often draws a police presence.

I think increasing the potential number of people by extending another bar's hours to 2am may be a mistake. Having some staggering in the closing times seems like a proactive way of keeping the after hours crowds and neighbourhood controlled and providing some peace for local residents and hotel guests.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katy Hutchison
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Re: Application to Amend Liquor Licence – Extend Hours – Darcy McGee's

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

The DRA Land Use Committee has reviewed the application to amend the Liquor Licence for Darcy McGee's. It is our understanding that the scope of changes is to extend the hours of liquor service from 1:00 am to 2:00 am Friday and Saturday.

Feedback from the committee is as follows:

- There are residences nearby on Wharf Street (90m), Yates Street (130m) and newly completed units on lower Fort Street (70m).
- There are two other Liquor Primary establishments in close proximity that predate residential development in the area and currently operate until 2:00 am.
- Liquor establishments that are near or adjacent to residences should not be the "last to close" in the downtown area due to high potential for afterhours disruption. Best to locate "last to close" establishments away from residential areas.
- It is recommended that this establishment maintains the staggered closing times with other pre-existing establishments in order to minimize the risk of the area becoming a late night destination.
- Any proposed hours of operation beyond what is typical for downtown business of this type would create a "destination" establishment and corresponding public nuisance.
- This Liquor Primary has a large Patio and late operating hours would be incompatible with neighbours.
- The current COV noise bylaw is not suited to govern in cases of noise generated by liquor establishments.

The DRA LUC points out that the extension of late night liquor operating hours in established residential areas (or vice versa) is potentially problematic. This ongoing situation requires comprehensive policies be created to address and mitigate potential conflicts BEFORE they may arise. Certainly with the focus of much of the regional growth strategy on densifying the downtown area with many more thousands of residents, the need for such a policy is acute.

While the area is, and has been, home to long-established, late-night clubs and restaurants the area is now being developed with residences nearby and there needs to be great care taken in any amendments of late night operating hours.

The DRA LUC points out that introducing late night activities into a residential area "after the fact" should be considered through a different and much more powerful lens. The alternative will simply be setting the residents and operators up for the inevitable but avoidable conflicts. DRA LUC members strongly support a vibrant downtown that includes late night drinking establishments but cannot support extended liquor service beyond the current 1:00 am closing immediately adjacent to many pre-existing residences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Florida", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Florida
Land Use Committee, Downtown Residents Association