

**DARCY'S PUB (2009) LTD.**

**1127 Wharf Street**

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May 19, 2017

**Mayor Lisa Helps and Council**

City of Victoria

#1 Centennial Square

Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6

**ATT: Mr. Ryan Morhart**

Manager and Chief Building Official

Permits and Inspections

Sustainable Planning and Community Development Department

**RE: D'arcy McGee's operating as Darcy's Pub; one hour operating extension on Fridays and Saturdays**

Dear Ryan,

As noted in your Committee of the Whole Report, dated May 09, 2017, we have made application to extend the hours of business for our Liquor Primary License from 1:00am to 2:00am on Fridays and Saturdays only.

We are very pleased that City of Victoria staff are supporting and recommending to Council the approval of this application.

We have reviewed the four letters received by the City of Victoria, one of support, and three expressing some concerns.

Darcy's Pub has a very long tenure operating at this location. We have always maintained stringent standards in operating within city bylaws and in accordance to LCLB requirements. We are very selective and invest a great deal of training in our competent security team, who have excellent relations with Victoria P.D., and we take pride in our record of having zero bylaw infractions. Our security team works diligently to ensure our patrons have a safe and enjoyable experience; additionally, our security team provide a positive presence in the larger Bastion Square. Our security team stays on duty, long after Darcy's closing and, in so doing, provides a strong deterrent to those wishing to use the square as a place of illegal activities; we know this is appreciated by our business neighbours.

Darcy's Pub is well known for being the only venue in Victoria, offering live music, seven nights a week, and featuring local artists. One of the overriding reasons for requesting a one-hour extension (only on Fridays and Saturdays), is to provide our patrons with the option of a graduated exit, as our bands will continue with a 1:00am stop. It should also be noted, that our seasonal outdoor patio closes at 11:00pm on all days of operation, and we will not be adjusting the patio closure time.

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Our location at 1127 Wharf Street has one of the lowest areas of residential occupancy within the City of Victoria, and is in close proximity to a number of restaurants, pubs, and nightclubs, whereby making our location an ideal venue for late night operations.

We at Darcy's Pub participate with the City of Victoria in its various hospitality related initiatives, such as our financial support of the after-hour public washroom facility. As well, we take pride in being good corporate citizens, and regularly participate in support of our community; most recently one of our managers organized a run to increase the awareness of Huntington's Disease and, in doing so, raised in excess of over \$30,000 in donations and pledges for the Huntington Society.

We believe that Darcy's Pub offers to the ever-growing population of downtown Victoria, a late night option, in a historic venue and in an excellent location, the opportunity to enjoy live music, good food and drink, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Thank you for considering this application. If I can provide further information or if you require further clarification of this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime at 250-380-8625.

Yours sincerely,

DARCY'S PUB (2009) LTD.

per:

Mark Hawes, Ownership.