



Council Member Motion

For the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of October 9, 2014

Date: October 3, 2014

From: Mayor Fortin

Subject: Policy review and framework for liquor policies

Summary

There are a number of businesses and events operating in the City of Victoria that are licensed to produce, sell or serve liquor. The City has a number of bylaws, policies and zoning regulations that address the retail sale and production of liquor, size of stores, location and proximity to each other.

The City is receiving numerous applications related to the sale of liquor on a regular basis, that are considered on an individual basis.

The Province of British Columbia recently completed a Liquor Policy Review, which recommended numerous changes to B.C.'s liquor laws.

It is recommended that the City proactively review the overall regulations, policies and zonings to ensure a fair and consistent application to all proponents and communities.

Recommendation

That staff provide Council with a memo outlining the City's current liquor bylaws and policies and identifying potential impacts to the bylaws and policies resulting from changes to B.C.'s liquor laws.

That staff provide options for a renewed policy framework to guide proponents and ensure a fair and consistent application of liquor policies in relation to zoning regulations governing the sale of liquor.

Respectfully submitted

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Mayor Dean Fortin