



James Bay Neighbourhood Association

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January 19th, 2016

Mayor & Council,
City of Victoria,

Re: CALUC Community Meeting - 514 Government Street, Legion Liquor Licence

The community meeting to consider revisions to the **Legion Liquor Licence** for the property at 514 Government Street first was held January 13th (109 present).

There were no objections to the licencing proposal.

Following please find an excerpt from the minutes of the January 13th meeting.

5. Legion Liquor Licence: 514 Government Street

Bal Sekha, Public Service Branch 127 Secretary
Royal Canadian Legion

Marg Gardiner introduced Bal and reviewed their pre-meeting discussion about the need to present to the community and the recognition of the value of the legion and the long-standing activities at the legion facility on Superior and currently on Government Street.

License has not been requested prior to move to 514 Government. Insurance required valid liquor license. Application in process, but consultation with neighbourhood association is required. 125 Legion members. Open Friday only from 4:00 to 7:00 pm; meetings on 2 Tuesdays a week and one Saturday dinner from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Usually fewer than 40 people at any one time. No complaints from neighbourhood about activity or noise at Legion.

Public hearing January 28/15. No questions from the neighbourhood. Bal Sekha was thanked for her presentation.

Sincerely,

Marg Gardiner
Co-Chair, JBNA CALUC

Christine Havelka

From: ALMA HALL [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 8:57 AM
To: Christine Havelka
Subject: liquor licence for the Legion

As a member of the Legion for 31 years I am in favor of granting this licence as it will be a short distance from my home.

Due to illegibility during the copying process, the following is a transcription of the letter from Susan Evans (original on following page):

Jan 8 / 2016

To City Clerk re application for new liquor primary liquor licence at 514 Government St.

I do not want this in a residential area. It is not needed her^ and am strongly opposed to this, in this area there is no need for this kind of facility.

Thanks for your consideration,

Susan Evans

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The City Clerk re application for new
liquor primary liquor licence
at 514 Government St

I do not want this in a residential area.
It is now mixed zone and some other things
are proposed - etc etc - all these areas should
be developed out of a specific
consultation.

Susan Evans

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Christine Havelka

From: Peter Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 2:30 PM
To: Liquor Licence Email
Cc: Pam Madoff (Councillor); Janice Schmidt
Subject: Re: Proposed Liquor Licence at 514 Government St.

Dear Ms Chudley,

Thank you for the timely and detailed response to my questions regarding the proposed liquor licence at 514 Government Street.

I appreciate the applicant's suggestions that parking demand will be minimal as a result of the application approval. However, that is purely conjectural. I remain concerned that with the Capital Park development underway in the same block, and the associated ground floor commercial spaces there, that demand for on the street parking will increase substantially, especially with a public drinking establishment added to the mix. And since it appears that the Capital Park development will not be providing public parking, there will be additional pressure for use of the extremely limited on-street parking in the area where I reside.

As a long-time resident of James Bay, I appreciate appropriate development in the community. However it should not come at the expense of residents in the area. As I mentioned, as demand for on-site parking is increasing with this and other area developments, the supply of parking is concurrently being dramatically reduced. There is a need for more public parking so that guests and visitors can meet and visit with local residents.

Thank you for your time and response.

Yours truly,

Peter Davis
#1506, 647 Michigan Street
Victoria, BC, V8V1S9

On Jan 8, 2016, at 11:27 AM, Liquor Licence Email <LiquorLicence@victoria.ca> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Davis,

Thank you for your email. I want to preface this by saying I am sorry for its length, but I wanted to ensure I answer your question as best I can.

Firstly, to answer your question: ***Does the new development immediately south of the Legislative Building provide any public parking?***

I do not know the answer to that question, but if after you have reviewed the following information you still need that answer, I can try to find an answer for you.

The City's role in this process is to provide comments on the application to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch. City Council does not approve or deny the application. We circulate the application to departments here that may have issues that pertain to the application. Here are a few comments that

have come from City Staff, as outlined in a report that went to Council on December 10 (and was a public document):

- The zoning review will likely identify a parking shortfall. A parking study should be completed to confirm if the parking demand will be met on-site, or if it will result in patrons/employees seeking parking on the surrounding streets. If spill over on to the streets will occur, the extent to which it will impact surrounding businesses and residents should be determined.
- Because of the existence of residences across the street, office workers present during the day immediately adjacent to the premises, on-street parking on both sides of Government Street and the location being in James Bay adjacent to the downtown and outside the entertainment district, there is a concern about possible noise disturbance to the neighbours and lack of parking.
- However, given that it is a private club and the Legion is an organization with sensitivities to the interests of the public, there are not likely to be (unmanageable) disturbance problems.
- Larger events with the given number of licensed seats could impact the neighbourhood in terms of parking and activity. Overall, the likelihood of this would be moderate.

Mr. Davis: with the above information from City departments, I shared these concerns with the applicant (The Legion).

The applicant provided the following information to augment the report that went to Council in December:

- The applicant has partially addressed parking concerns, explaining that most patrons live in the immediate neighbourhood of the legion.
- Though the application requested a permit for 100 only to cover our Remembrance Day reception which takes place after the Cenotaph Service, from noon to 3:00 pm. For the past two years and since we moved to this location, we have a verbal understanding with Robbins Parking that our guests may park in the Government Parking Lot at Menzies and Kingston Sts and they will not monitor that lot all day. Our members are told via email and our newsletter that they can park there.
- Our regular attendance ranges between 20-25 at our Friday Socials during Standard Time and 35-40 in the summer months. Because our members are aware of the public service parking situation, many with vehicles come between 4:45-5:00 pm. Ones who walk over come around 4:15.
- In the winter months, the club usually closes before 7:00; in the summer, by 7:30 or 8:00. There is the odd occasion when someone may be celebrating an event and stays until 10:00. We have asked for the closing time to be 11:00 pm just to cover the odd exception.
- Events where we expect a large number of attendees like an AGM or an Open House are scheduled on a Sunday afternoon so that people can walk over and go home in daylight or use metered parking on Superior St.
- Attendance at meetings ranges from 11-15 and is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm so does not interfere with others requiring parking during daytime. If it would help, we could change our meetings to Sundays as well. We subsidize 3 members to provide rides for those who do not want to drive or are disabled. We also have a couple of members who use scooters. The scooters are parked on the property or in the hall.
- Parking on Government St between Michigan and Superior Sts in front has been adequate for our normal needs but there is the odd occasion where a couple of spots on Michigan St have been used. With people staggering their time for coming in, the parking situation has worked so far.
- Several people leave around 6:15 or 6:30 to go to dinner at the James Bay Inn and drive their vehicles to it, leaving spaces for others to use.

After the public has a chance for input, and the City has a public hearing (addressed in that same letter you received), we put all of that information together and make a recommendation to Council, who then makes their recommendation to the LCLB.

I hope this helps shed more light on your concerns.

Have a good weekend and kind regards,

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From: Peter Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Liquor Licence Email
Cc: Pam Madoff (Councillor)
Subject: Proposed Liquor Licence at 514 Government St.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have received a letter from the City of Victoria dated January 4, 2016 regarding a proposed Royal Canadian Legion Branch 127 at 514 Government Street.

Can you please provide information on the plans for parking for the subject proposal? Since the public parking lots on blocks 640-650 Michigan Street were recently lost to development, on-street parking in the area has been at a premium, especially for guests of residents in the area. Without new parking provided by the subject proposal, parking will become even more difficult to find.

Does the new development immediately south of the Legislative Building provide any public parking?

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Davis
#1506, 647 Michigan Street
Victoria, BC, V8V1S9

Christine Havelka

From: Tom Hukari [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 11:47 AM
To: Liquor Licence Email
Subject: new liquor primary licence at 514 Government Street

My only concern is whether the building is safe for 100 people. It is an old building and may not be structurally sound. The Council should be assured that plans including the structural integrity of the building have been approved by an engineer.

Tom Hukari
419 Parry St

Christine Havelka

From: ANU SAHOTA [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 11:54 AM
To: Liquor Licence Email
Subject: Liquor Licence request for Royal Canadian Branch 127

Hello,

Just a brief note in support of the request for a liquor licence for this establishment. I live around the corner on the 500 block of Michigan Street and have no concerns, just as I had none when the same legion was located on Superior Street. Veterans have contributed enormously to our country so at the very least they should be allowed to have a glass of beer in a civilized establishment.

Thanks kindly,

Anu Henderson
Michigan Street
[REDACTED]

Christine Havelka

From: Gerald Rotering [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 9:24 PM
To: Liquor Licence Email
Subject: Two residents support Legion application.

Dear City Councillors and staff:

We residents of Orchard House tower, 647 Michigan Street, support the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 127 in its application for a new Liquor Licence for its clubhouse at 514 Government Street in James Bay neighbourhood.

Although the licence will apparently affect a larger lot, which we presume is owned by the Province, the functions under the licence will apparently only take place at the 514 address. We're not concerned that the Legion members and their guests would be a bother near our home, nor should the occasional special event be any issue. Good for the Legion for this initiative.

Gerald Rotering, #807

and

Martine Goddard, #1702
Orchard House Tower, 647 Michigan Street, Victoria



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Christine Havelka

From: Quentin Verhaegen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Liquor Licence Email
Cc: Holm & Verhaegen
Subject: Royal Canadian Legion liquor licence

To whom it may concern,

We received a notice from the City of Victoria regarding an application for a liquor licence for the Royal Canadian Legion at 514 Government St.

As neighbours, we are strongly opposed to this application:

- There are enough "pubs" close by for those who want to "drink"
- With the upcoming development and new residences nearby, we do not think it is a good idea to offer a liquor licence to anybody close by.
- Liquor licences= disturbances, more noise late at night, parking problems etc.

So, please, let's leave the "drinking" to where it belongs (city center etc.)

Thank you very much,

Quentin Verhaegen and Ingrid Holm

559, Michigan street