



To General Purposes - May 20, 2008

To: General Purposes Committee

Date: April 30, 2008

From: Amarjeet S. Rattan
Chief Licence Inspector

File: 12-8275-30-029

Re: **Steveston Hotel**
Request for a temporary change to Primary Liquor Licence

Staff Recommendation

1. That the request from The Steveston Hotel to temporarily extend their existing patio liquor licence red line area to include a beer garden in the adjacent parking lot area, which would allow an additional 150 patrons every Saturday and Sunday from May to October 2008 is NOT supported for the reasons outlined in this report; and
2. That the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch be sent notification of Council's recommendation that this request be denied.

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Att.

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Business Licences		Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
R.C.M.P.		Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Staff Report

Origin

The City's Policy 9308 delegates authority to staff to submit comments to the provincial Liquor Control & Licensing Branch (LCLB) for temporary changes to liquor licences where the duration is less than three days or for less than two applications per applicant in a 12-month period. The Policy requires Council comment on applications that go beyond this criteria.

The Steveston Hotel has submitted to the City a LCLB document which allows the City to comment on a request to the Province to temporarily extend their existing patio liquor licence red line area to include a beer garden in the adjacent parking lot in order to accommodate 150 additional patrons every Saturday and Sunday from May to October 2008, in conjunction with the Steveston Farmers' Market.

Analysis

The Steveston Hotel

The Steveston Hotel which operates from premises located at 12111 Third Avenue have two patios which are permitted under licensing to allow liquor licences sales. One patio fronts Third Avenue and has a seating capacity for 28 patrons. The second patio is located at the rear of the Hotel and has a seating capacity for 30 patrons. The Hotel is submitting an application to LCLB to permit a temporary change to the rear licensed patio area to extend the seating to allow for an additional 150 patrons. They propose operating hours of the extension from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday from May to October 2008, and will offer food, beverage and some live entertainment.

The Hotel states in their application that they are requesting this extension to run in conjunction with the Steveston Farmers' Market. The extension, although separated by a fence, would back onto the market site.

R.C.M.P.

Staff have consulted with the R.C.M.P. regarding the above request. The R.C.M.P. do not support the request and offer the following reasons:


- there is no community reason for a beer garden
- the market only occurs on Sundays, request is for Saturday and Sunday
- the request is not in the keeping with the spirit of a family farmers' market
- current Sunday hours and seating can easily meet with demand.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Staff recommend that Council not support the request for the extension which would allow for a larger drinking area as the Hotel currently has sufficient outdoor seating and as the request would be of no community benefit.


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