

# MINUTES

## OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Date:** Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Location:** Meeting Room Flute, Municipal Hall

**Time:** 8:45 A.M.

### ATTENDANCE

**Members Present:**

Mike Varrin, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars, Chair  
Jeff Cockle, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs  
Jackie Dickinson, Whistler Community Services Society Representative  
Sheila Kirkwood, Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative  
Steve LeClair, Public Safety Representative RCMP  
Holly Glenn, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector

**Members Absent:**

Ian Lowe, Accommodation Sector Representative, Vice Chair  
John Grills, Councilor  
Rob Knapton, Public Safety Representative RCMP  
Edward Dangerfield, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Restaurants

**Municipal Staff:**

Frank Savage, Planner, LLAC Secretary  
Wanda Bradbury, Recording Secretary

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

**Adoption of the agenda:**

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Steve LeClair

**That** the agenda for the Liquor License Advisory Committee Meeting of August 8, 2013 be adopted as read.

CARRIED



**Adoption of the Minutes:**

Motion by Steve LeClair

Seconded by Sheila Kirkwood

**That** the minutes of the Liquor License Advisory Committee (LLAC) Meeting of July 11, 2013 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

**Council Update:**

- N/A

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Application for Permanent Changes to Food Primary License for Aava Whistler Canada House Restaurant, File LLR 1156**

Staff presented the highlights from a staff report on an application by the Aava Whistler Canada House Restaurant for a permanent change to its food primary license.

The proposed changes are:

- Permanent Change to Hours of Sale to 9:00 am – 1:00 am daily, the limits of municipal policy for restaurants (LCLB requires resolution from Council)
- The addition of a Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement (LCLB requires resolution from Council); and
- The addition of a 24 person Restaurant Lounge (RMOW business regulations require Council approval)

The applicant received a letter of support from the Aava Whistler Hotel (copies of letter distributed to LLAC members).

Tony Medd, General Manager of Summit Lodge and Canada House Restaurant entered the meeting and made a presentation.

- Mr. Medd provided a brief summary of daily operations for the Canada House Restaurant, noting there is no plan to remain open to 1:00 a.m. every night.
- Mr. Medd noted that some patrons have requested the option to order a drink without ordering food. A lounge endorsement would permit Canada House to offer this service.
- Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement would permit dancing. Canada House plans to have a pianist play and does not want to risk being in contravention if a patron decides to dance.
- Canada House does not anticipate using the full restaurant facility until January 2014.

LLAC member questions and comments:

- Q: What is the plan to manage the 24 food optional seats, how will people know which area is food optional?



- A: The bar manager will stay in that area, and will train staff to successfully direct patrons to the appropriate area.
- Q: Describe the area where entertainment will be held and how impacts will be managed.
- A: Some of the seating from the main dining area will be moved to accommodate a piano, and this would typically be during evening dinner service. In the past the restaurant and hotel have worked together, ensuring there is an understanding and sensitivity for any potential for noise.
- There were concerns from the pub sector that, with patron participation entertainment and a lounge endorsement, the restaurant could be run like a pub. If the applicant runs the restaurant as noted, then the sector has no concerns.
- As long as the applicant runs the restaurant as described, e.g. piano music and high end beers, then the nightclub sector has no concerns.
- Q: How will the restaurant distinguish between the food primary and the food optional areas?
- A: LCLB inspector noted that the LCLB does not have specific signage requirements. However, the restaurant must maintain full operation of the kitchen, even if there are only patrons in the food optional area.
- There were no further questions or concerns from LLAC members about the applied for license changes.

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Steve LeClair

**That** the Liquor License Advisory Committee supports the application from Aava Whistler Canada House Restaurant for a permanent change to hours of sale to 1:00 a.m., to add patron a participation entertainment endorsement and to add a 24 person capacity restaurant lounge.

CARRIED

### **Amendments to Liquor License Application Review Process and Fees, File No. 8292.03**

Staff presented the highlights from the report on proposed changes to the municipal liquor license application process and fees in Council Policy G-17 *Municipal Liquor Licensing Policy*:

- At the June 13, 2013 LLAC meeting the committee discussed a staff report on the municipal application review process and fees for Special Occasion Licensed Events, for catering licensed events and for a new brewery or distillery lounge and special event areas.
- During the July 11, 2013 LLAC meeting the committee voted to include the process and fees for those license types into amendments to Council Policy G-17.

An amended process and fees is now proposed for a permanent change to a food primary license with two or more of liquor service past midnight, patron participation entertainment and new or enlarged restaurant lounge.

Motion Mike Varrin

Seconded by Sheila Kirkwood



**That** the LLAC supports changes to Council Policy G-17 to amend Part 3 Summary of Processing Requirements By Application Type to add “Permanent Change to a Food Primary License with two or more of the following: Liquor service past midnight, Patron participation entertainment, New or enlarged restaurant lounge”, with a fee of \$1,500 and the same process as for a new or enlarged restaurant lounge”.

CARRIED

### **Whistler Village Beer Festival**

Liam Peyton, Festival and Events Manager of Gibbons Hospitality; Terry Clark, District Manager of Gibbons Hospitality; and Matt Fraser, President of Gibbons Hospitality Group entered the meeting. Mr. Peyton summarized the concept for the inaugural Whistler Village Beer Festival:

- Saturday, September 14 from 1:00 to 5:30 pm in Village Square with extensions onto Village Stroll and Golfer's Approach
- Will bring increased visitation to the resort
- 40 breweries from BC and Pacific Northwest will participate
- Food vouchers supporting local participating restaurants
- Maximum 1850 persons with no minors permitted on site
- Aim to presell 1500 tickets at \$35 per person; includes admission with souvenir beer mug, 5 tokens that can be used beer for samples and \$10 food voucher.
- Tokens can be purchased for \$1.25. Each token can be used to acquire a 4oz beer, no maximum currently set.
- Patrons will receive ballot to vote for best beer, which will then be featured at local bars
- Marketing via internet, CBC, Tourism Whistler, Rock 101, Mountain FM, etc.
- Event layout and security plan displayed, 8' mesh fencing with 4' double fencing surrounding 'no man's land' (separation from licensed establishments)
- Staffing 80 - 100 servers with Serving It Right, 25 volunteers with Serving It Right, 6 site managers, 30 paid Security staff
- 2 pieces of ID required for every patron
- Identify and remove any intoxicated patrons
- Has received letters of support from surrounding businesses
- Patrons ejected from the beer festival will have their wristband removed and door staff to prevent them from re-entering
- The focus will be on sampling and socializing
- Liquor service will be provided with a Special Occasion License: Whistler Community Services Society will hold the license and will benefit from a charitable contribution.

### LLAC member questions and comments:

- Q: Will tokens be required to be served a beer sample? One member's observation from a beer festival attended was that once admitted to the site, tokens were not required and patrons were freely given beer. This could negatively impact the family friendly atmosphere of the Village.



- A: The agreement with the suppliers is that tokens must be used, and this has been stressed to them.
- Q: How does the voting work?
- A: One ballot per patron; staff will manage the ballots to ensure the voting is fair
- Q: Patrons that want to purchase tokens, do they have to go to a specific area?
- A: Yes, and there is a limit to the number of tokens that can be purchased at one time.
- Q: How are you recruiting volunteers and what do they receive?
- A: Volunteers can sign up via the website and they get a t-shirt.
- Current Council policy states that an SOL over 850 people requires Council approval. The Whistler Beer Festival is scheduled to go to the August 20th Council meeting
- Recommended that additional community feedback and letters of support would be beneficial
- Recommended that sale of tokens be handled by event staff, not volunteers

Motion Mike Varrin

Seconded by Sheila Kirkwood

**That** the LLAC supports the Whistler Village Beer Festival as presented.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Occupant Load for Temporary Licensing of Special Events in Outdoor Venues**

Whistler Fire Rescue Service (WFRS) has questioned if Schedule 2 of Council Policy G-17 *Municipal Liquor Licensing Policy* is appropriate for temporary outdoor venues. Schedule 2 specifically applies to applications for new and amended permanent licenses, but has also been applied to temporary outdoor venues for Special Occasion Licensed events and more recently for catered events. Instead WFRS would like to see the Fire Code being used for these outside events. The Fire Code not only looks at the occupant load, but also takes into account the set-up, (furniture layout) exit capacity and safety plan. This topic will be on the agenda for the September LLAC meeting.

### **BC Liquor Policy Review**

LCLB Inspector confirmed that LCLB has begun a liquor policy review and will include a consultation process with the public and stakeholders. Additional information will be posted on the LCLB website in coming weeks. The terms of reference for the review will be sent to LLAC members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Steve LeClair

**That** the Liquor License Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013



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MIKE VARRIN, LLAC CHAIR

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FRANK SAVAGE, LLAC SECRETARY

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