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OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2013
Location: Meeting Room Piccolo, Municipal Hall
Time: 8:45 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edward Dangerfield, Restaurant Sector Representative
Jeff Cockle, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs
Mike Varrin, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars, Chair
Jackie Dickinson, Whistler Community Services Society Representative
Sheila Kirkwood, Whistler Fire Rescue Service (WFRS) Representative
Rob Knapton, Public Safety Representative RCMP
Holly Glenn, LCLB Inspector
John Grills, Councilor

MEMBER ABSENT:

Ian Lowe, Accommodation Sector Representative, Vice Chair

MUNICIPAL STAFF:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Sheila Kirkwood

That the agenda for the Liquor License Advisory Committee Meeting of September 12, 2013 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Jackie Dickinson

That the minutes of the Liquor License Advisory Committee (LLAC) Meeting of August 8, 2013 be adopted as read.

CARRIED



COUNCIL UPDATE:

- The provincial Liquor Policy Review is a key time to discuss opportunities to update the liquor laws, ensuring we get community feedback to present to Council then ultimately to the Province.
- A successful recent test event (GranFondo) will enable the RMOW to provide positive feedback to the Province.
- UBCM will give Council the opportunity to speak with other Resort Collaborative members regarding liquor policies for their resort communities.

PRESENTATIONS

Occupant Load for Temporary Outdoor Licensed Events, File No. 8292.03

Staff presented the highlights from the report on proposed changes to Council Policy G-17 *Municipal Liquor Licensing Policy* to allow for higher capacities at outdoor venues for temporarily licensed events. Current practice has been to use Schedule 2 of policy G-17 which specifies that the maximum occupant load is calculated as 1.2 square metres per person for areas with seating and tables and 0.95 square metres per person for standing areas. This has resulted in large areas to accommodate the desired licensed capacity for an event, creating challenges for fire access and taking up property which could be used for other purposes. The catering licensed venue adjacent to the Ironman event finish area was an example.

Following discussions with Whistler Fire Rescue Services it was concluded that life safety requirements could still be satisfied if a higher density of occupants was used for outdoor events. It was proposed that the 1.2 square metres per person still be used for areas with seating and tables, but that 0.60 square metres per person be used for outdoor standing areas. The exiting capacity provisions of the Schedule 2 would still apply. Public safety would not be compromised, as this is responsibility of the RCMP who require a ratio of RCMP members to event attendees, based on the type of event.

The proposed changes would only apply to temporarily licensed outdoor events, whether licensed as a Special Occasion Licensed event, a catering licensed event or a temporary extension to an existing permanent license. It would not apply to any indoor areas.

The required changes to Council Policy G-17 would be to amend Section 7 and to add Schedule 3.

LLAC member questions and comments

- WFRS uses the Fire Code to determine the minimum total exit capacity and the occupant load. The final number will be derived from the most restricted numbers and give a maximum capacity. The limiting factor is the Fire Code that applies to the exit capacity.
- RCMP ensures that there are adequate policing resources to cover each event. The standard ratio is one RCMP officer to 500 attendees, but may be adjusted taking into consideration the clientele, the time of day, the type of event, etc.
- Coordinating events and applications would allow festival and event organizers and opportunity to share the additional RCMP costs.



- Staff reiterated that the policy change would only apply to calculating the temporary capacity for outdoor events. If permanent indoor capacities were considered, it would significantly increase the overall licensed capacities in the Village, which would have impacts on noise as well as policing resources and transportation.
- The capacity of Whistler Olympic Plaza for the recent GranFondo catering licensed event was calculated using the 0.60 square metres per person, providing for a higher capacity than if the usual factor of 0.95 square metres per person had been used. The event was successful and the venue did not seem overcrowded.
- If the proposal is supported by the LLAC, staff will incorporate this into schedule 3 to add to the G-17 Policy.

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Edward Dangerfield

That the LLAC supports changes to Council Policy G-17 to amend Section 7 and to add Schedule 3, a policy on occupant load for temporary outdoor licensed events.

CARRIED

Amendments to Council Policy G-17, *Municipal Liquor Licensing Policy*, File No. 8292.03

Staff presented a report that summarized the liquor licensing policy changes that had been discussed and supported by the committee over the past few months. It is now appropriate to update Council Policy G-17. Prior to going to Council to amend the policy, the support of the LLAC is sought.

The proposed changes to Policy G-17 are:

1. Municipal hours of liquor service guidelines for brewery or distillery lounge or special event areas – Proposed to be the same as for pubs and lounges.
2. Process and fees for brewery or distillery lounge or special event areas – Reviewed by LLAC on June 13 and supported by LLAC on July 11.
3. Process and fees for multiple permanent changes to a food primary license – Reviewed and supported by LLAC on August 8.
4. Special Occasion License application process and fees – Reviewed by LLAC on June 13 and supported by LLAC on July 11.
5. Catering licensed event application process and fees – Reviewed by LLAC on June 13 and supported by LLAC on July 11.
6. Occupant load for temporary outdoor licensed events – Reviewed and supported by LLAC on September 12.
7. Miscellaneous changes – Minor changes to ensure consistency of wording and references

LLAC member questions and comments

- The LCLB policy for brewery and distillery lounges would permit minors to be present at all times, if accompanied by a parent or guardian, whereas the Downhill Ski Resort Policy for liquor primary establishment only allows for minors until 8:00 pm.



- A LLAC member suggested that minors be allowed in brewery and distillery lounges only until 8:00 pm (not the 1:00 am closing time guideline for brewery/distillery lounges), keeping in line with Whistler's liquor primary establishments.
- One member questioned whether 8:00 pm is the right time for minors and thinks that 10:00 pm is more appropriate. This could be considered in the provincial Liquor Policy Review.

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Rob Knapton

That the LLAC supports changes to Council Policy G-17 attached as Appendix A of the LLAC report, with the addition that minors be permitted until 8:00 pm in brewery and distillery lounges and special event areas.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- Highlighted the importance of the Liquor Policy Review stakeholder meeting on September 16.
- The plan is to come up with a resort response to the review.
- All information received would be consolidated and submitted to Council.
- It was noted that any licensed establishment can also submit comments directly to the Province.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Edward Dangerfield

That the Liquor License Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th, 2013.

CERTIFIED CORRECT



MIKE VARRIN, LLAC CHAIR



FRANK SAVAGE, LLAC SECRETARY

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