



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**LIQUOR LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2013, STARTING AT 8:45 A.M.**

**Piccolo Meeting Room  
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

**PRESENT:**

Mike Varrin, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars, Chair  
Rob Knapton, Public Safety Representative, RCMP  
Sheila Kirkwood, Whistler Fire Rescue Service (WFRS) Representative  
Edward Dangerfield, Restaurant Sector Representative  
Jackie Dickinson, Whistler Community Services Society Representative  
John Grills, Councillor  
Frank Savage, RMOW Staff Representative, Secretary  
Wanda Bradbury, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Jeff Cockle, Food & Beverage Sector Representative - Nightclubs  
Ian Lowe, Accommodation Sector Representative, Vice Chair  
Holly Glenn, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Frank Savage  
Seconded by Edward Dangerfield

**That** the Liquor License Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor License Advisory Committee agenda of December 12, 2013 as amended.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Sheila Kirkwood  
Seconded by Edward Dangerfield

**That the** Liquor License Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor License Advisory Committee minutes of October 9, 2013.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

LLR.1167  
EI Furniture Warehouse  
Permanent Change to  
FP License

Applicants Kyle Tweter, Partner, Trevor Blackwell, Partner & Dan Wilson, Partner entered the meeting.

Staff presented a report on an application by EI Furniture Warehouse Restaurant for a permanent change to the hours of sale and the addition of a food optional lounge endorsement to the food primary license. The current Monday – Saturday hours (9:00 am – 1:00 am) remain the same; the requested change would increase the Sunday hours of sale from the current

9:00 am – midnight to 9:00 am – 1:00 am. The application for a lounge endorsement would permit 20% of the 102 person indoor capacity (20 seats) as a food optional restaurant lounge where a drink could be ordered without the necessity of ordering food.

The applicant noted the intention is not to change the business model of the establishment, but to improve the service they are able to offer by accommodating the occasional guest that may want a drink without having food. The area will be clearly identified as a distinct area for guests to have a beverage, with or without food.

LLAC Member Questions/Comments:

1. Will the seats be food primary seats? Yes, the seats will be food primary seats with a lounge endorsement.
2. Is it possible to have lounge seats on a patio? It was noted that LCLB policy allows for some patio seats to be designated as food optional, but it could not increase the total number of lounge seats. The current application does not include any lounge seats on the patio.
3. It was noted that the designated lounge area within El Furniture Warehouse is a popular spot for families.
4. Staff supports the application as an amenity that offers choice for visitors and residents.
5. One member questioned why the particular area was chosen for the lounge and expressed a concern for the experience a family might have while sitting in a food optional area. Is there an opportunity to look at another area for the lounge seats? Applicant noted that LCLB requires food optional areas to be physically distinct, and the selected area best meets that criterion. However, the applicant will investigate other opportunities in the restaurant to have a family area.
6. WFRS has no concerns with the application.

Moved by Mike Varrin  
Seconded by Sheila Kirkwood

That LLAC supports the application from EL Furniture Warehouse Restaurant for a permanent change to hours of sale to 9:00 am to 1:00 am Monday through Sunday and supports the addition of a 20 seat food optional restaurant lounge.

CARRIED

One opposed

Council Update

Councilor Grills commented on Council priorities for 2014.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

LLAC Meeting Schedule

Staff proposed that the regularly scheduled monthly LLAC meeting be moved to the first Thursday of the month instead of the current second Thursday. The revised meeting schedule would coordinate better with the

timing of liquor related reports prepared for Council meetings, which are normally scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The effect of the change would be to streamline the process for businesses applying to make liquor license changes.

The proposed change would commence in February 2014.

Moved by Frank Savage  
Seconded by Mike Varrin

**That** the 2014 LLAC meetings be moved to the first Thursday of the month commencing February 6, 2014.

**CARRIED**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mike Varrin

That the Liquor License Advisory Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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Chair: Mike Varrin

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Secretary: Frank Savage