



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, STARTING AT 8:45 A.M.**

**In the Flute Room at Whistler Municipal Hall
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Jackie Dickinson
Public Safety Representative, RCMP, Rob Knapton
Accommodation Sector Representative, Colin Hedderson
Whistler Fire Rescue Service (WFRS) Representative, Chris Nelson
RMOW Staff Representative, Secretary, Frank Savage (Acting Chair)
Councillor, John Grills
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars, Chair, Mike Varrin
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Restaurants, Vice-chair, Brenton
Smith
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs, Terry Clark
Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector, Holly Glenn

GUESTS:

President of Rising Tide Consultants, Bert Hick
Director of Operations, Pan Pacific Hotel, Daryl West
Brand Leader, Dubh Linn Gate Pub, Peter Laurie
Whistler Resident, George Pittman

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Frank Savage called meeting to order at 8.46 am

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Rob Knapton
Seconded by Colin Hedderson

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence Advisory
Committee agenda of October 16, 2014.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Jackie Dickinson
Seconded Rob Knapton

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Liquor Licence Advisory Committee minutes of September 4, 2014.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL UPDATE

- On October 15, 2014 the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business spoke to the Whistler Chamber of Commerce over lunch and confirmed that tourism is still at the forefront of the government agenda.
- Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) delegates and guests at the recent convention were happy with their visit and everything Whistler had to offer

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Dubh Linn Gate Pub
File No. LLR 1200

Frank Savage presented on the Dubh Linn Gate application and advised of the following:

- The Dubh Linn Gate Irish Pub is applying for a structural change to a liquor primary licence to increase the physical size and capacity of the interior area from 148 to 236 persons and to increase the physical size and capacity of the patio area from 58 to 151 persons.
- The extent of the proposed interior and patio changes were explained. The interior renovations are the subject of a Building Permit application and the patio expansion is the subject of a Development Permit application.
- Comments were received from the LLAC Restaurant Sector representative during the initial referral and those comments were incorporated into the report.
- Local community input: applicant posted an ad in two consecutive editions of Pique Newsmagazine and a sign was posted for at the site for 30 days, with comments due by October 18. No comments received to date. Any comments received will be included in the report to Council, scheduled for November 4.
- Good Standing review was referred to LCLB, RCMP, Fire department, Building department and Bylaw departments. No compliance issues were identified, so the Dubh Linn Gate is deemed to be in Good Standing.
- Analysis of LLAC review criteria: The patio capacity increase will benefit the community, including residents and visitors. Not likely to be parking issues, traffic impacts or policing/crowd control concerns. As for potential noise impacts, the establishment has stated that patio amplified music will be turned off by 10 pm. The patio canopy will buffer noise and reduce impacts on nearby accommodations. The Pan Pacific Hotel would be impacted the most, and the hotel supports the application.

George Pitman, acting on behalf of Dubh Linn Gate, presented:

- Maintaining food primary and liquor primary licences both indoors and on the patio has been a challenge and is confusing to both staff and customers. The interior food primary area of the establishment has not been fully utilized and presents a problem for managing capacity, as patrons want to walk into the liquor primary licensed area. The food primary area of the patio experiences the same problem.
- The new liquor policy to permit minors until 10 pm in a liquor primary establishment makes it no longer necessary to retain the food primary licence.
- A single licence would make maximum utilization of the capacity and would improve service to customers.
- Access to public washrooms through the patio area is being reviewed.

Bert Hick, President of Rising Tide Consultants, presented:

- Having one licence will give staff better ability to serve customers while complying with provincial policies.
- Breakfast can be served in a liquor primary establishment prior to the service of alcohol and as long as liquor is secure. No patrons can be in the establishment between closing time of liquor service and 6 am.

There were no further comments or questions from LLAC members.

Moved by Frank Savage
Seconded Colin Hedderson

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee supports the application from the Dubh Linn Gate Pub to increase the liquor primary interior capacity from 148 to 236 persons and the liquor primary patio capacity from 58 to 151 persons.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Frank Savage informed LLAC members of upcoming provincial liquor policy changes:

- An October 10, 2014 announcement from the provincial government provided further details of the proposed model (“store within a store”) for retail liquor sales in grocery stores. Eligible stores must sell approximately 75% food products and must be a minimum size of 10,000 square feet. General merchandise and convenience stores will not be eligible. Implementation is expected in spring 2015.
- The provincial government is also planning to introduce a complete re-write of the Liquor Control and Licensing Act in spring 2015.

Farwell and thanks to LLAC Pub Sector representative Mike Varrin, who has completed a second two-year term, the maximum permitted by the LLAC Terms of Reference. Council will appoint a new pub sector representative on October 21.

The next LLAC meeting will be December 4, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rob Knapton

That Liquor License Advisory Committee adjourn the October 16, 2014 committee meeting at 9.36 am.

CARRIED

ACTING CHAIR/SECRETARY: Frank Savage