



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014, STARTING AT 8:45 A.M.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Accommodation Sector Representative, Colin Hedderson  
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars, Edward Calvey  
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Restaurants, Vice-chair  
Brenton Smith  
Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Jackie Dickinson  
Whistler Fire Rescue Service (WFRS) Representative, Sheila Kirkwood  
Councillor, Andrée Janyk  
Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector, Holly Glenn  
RMOW Staff Representative, Secretary, Frank Savage  
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

**REGRETS:**

Public Safety Representative, RCMP, Rob Knapton  
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs, Terry Clark

**GUESTS:**

Blackcomb Liquor Store and Fitzsimmons Pub – Michael Kompass  
Whistler Blackcomb catering – Stephanie Spence

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Vice-chair Brenton Smith at 8:50 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Sheila Kirkwood  
Seconded by Jackie Dickinson

**That** the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence  
Advisory Committee agenda of December 4, 2014.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Edward Calvey  
Seconded by Sheila Kirkwood

**That** the Liquor License Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Liquor  
Licence Advisory Committee minutes of October 16, 2014.

CARRIED.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Moved by Jackie Dickinson  
Second by Shelia Kirkwood

**That** the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee elect Brenton Smith as chair.

CARRIED

Moved by Brenton Smith  
Second by Jackie Dickinson

**That** the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee elect Colin Henderson as vice-chair.

CARRIED

### **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councillor Janyk provided an update of the most current topics being discussed by Council.

- New service strategy presented to Council by Norm McPhail
- Council to attend retreat December 17 and 18, 2014

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Frank Savage presented on the Fitzsimmons Pub application and advised of the following:

- The Fitzsimmons Pub is applying for a structural change to a liquor primary licence to relocate from its current location in the Glacier Lodge to an existing unit in the same building. Relocating would increase the liquor license capacity to 42 persons from the current capacity 20 persons.
- The relocation is necessary because the Blackcomb Liquor Store is in a re-zoning process to expand into the current pub space. The new unit is a couple of doors down in the Glacier Lodge.
- The current hours of liquor service are 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to midnight on Sunday. These would remain unchanged in the new location
- Local community input: applicant posted an ad in consecutive editions of Pique Newsmagazine and a sign was posted for at the site for 30 days, with comments due by November 29. No comments were received.
- Good Standing review was referred to LCLB, RCMP, Fire department, Building department and Bylaw department. No compliance issues were identified, so the Fitzsimmons Pub is deemed to be in Good Standing.
- Analysis of LLAC review criteria: The 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 in its existing location has not been a problem for the community, and it is not likely the additional 22 person capacity increase will be a source of additional noise.

Fitzsimmons Pub  
File No. LLR 1203

Michael Kompass, owner/operator of the Fitzsimmons Pub and Blackcomb Liquor Store elaborated on the application and benefits of the pub relocation

- The increasing to a capacity of 42 persons from its current small capacity of 20 will allow for financial growth of the locally owned business.
- Guest experience will benefit by not having to turn away groups of patrons. The expanded business will better satisfy the market demand for an après ski lounge atmosphere.
- The relocation of the pub will permit the Blackcomb Liquor Store to expand and meet demand.

#### LLAC Member Questions and Comments

- Q: How will the change affect the Upper Village? A: The changes will add life to the commercial area along the Upper Village stroll and support a small local business
- Q: How will staffing be affected by the change? A: Plan one additional staff person to supplement the current two staff with overlapping shifts. If there are any challenges then staffing will be increased.
- Q: What is the food program for the pub? Q: Catering has been used in the past, a cold food menu is offered at the moment and the Fitzsimmons pub is in discussion with the landlord to use the kitchen at the former Ciao Thyme establishment next door. The LCLB liquor inspector clarified that food service is not an LCLB requirement of the liquor primary licence.
- Q: How will noise impacts on the accommodation unit above be managed? A: Live music was discontinued two years ago after noise complaints were received; no issues since. There is a concrete floor on the second level and insulation will be installed in the pub ceiling space to provide a further sound barrier. Signs will be posted at the door to advise guests to keep the noise down when leaving the pub.
- Q: Will there be a patio? A: Currently there is no plan for a patio, but may investigate in future.
- Q: Does the liquor store size increase come to LLAC? Q: No, it goes to Council through the rezoning process.
- Q: Has parking space been considered? A: There are a number of parking options in the area, but only a small number of spaces assigned to the liquor store and pub. Many customers walk from accommodation units.

There were no further comments or questions from LLAC members.

Moved by Brenton Smith  
Seconded Sheila Kirkwood

**That** the Liquor License Advisory Committee supports the application from Fitzsimmons Pub to increase the liquor primary interior capacity from 20 persons in its current location to a capacity of 42 persons in its new location.

CARRIED.

*The applicant Michael Kompass left the meeting at 9:21a.m.*

A total of 73 recommendations for liquor policy change were made by the Ministry of Justice; to date, approximately 20 have been implemented. These are the three latest, implemented on November 24, 2014:

**1. Temporary Use Areas for Ski Hills and Golf Courses (Policy Directive No. 14-16):**

- The new policy would allow each of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains and each of Whistler's three golf courses to apply to extend its liquor licence to one or more locations on its property for up to 26 times a year. In effect, it will be a permanent licence change, and local government will have a one-time opportunity to provide input to the LCLB in the form of a resolution from Council.
- LCLB Inspector suggested that up to four areas could be used and that licensees would most likely use their liquor primary licence.
- Capacity of individual areas needs to be determined – LCLB policy does not require an “official occupant load” of individual areas, but local government may.

*Councillor Janyk left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.*

- The temporary use areas must be outdoors and can have liquor service until 10 p.m. at the latest.
- Whistler Blackcomb is open to discussion of the locations and types of events.
- Notication process for planned licensed events will be similar to catering licensed events: minimum seven days for small events; minimum 21 days for large (>500 people) events. Council Policy G-17 requires Council approval for catered or Special Occasion Licensed events for more than 500 people. May consider similar policy for ski area or golf course events.
- Local government may also stipulate other conditions. Community interests need to be considered.

**2. UBrew/UVin establishments can change name to Ferment-on-Premises (Policy Directive No. 14-17):**

Nothing relevant to LLAC responsibilities.

**3. All-ages events in liquor primary establishments (Policy Directive No. 14-18):**

- Unlicensed events for all ages would be permitted in liquor primary establishment, provided that liquor is not served and liquor is secured.
- There are potential problems with patron safety as there would be no parental supervision required. Use of drugs or alcohol before and after an event is a significant concern.
- Many concerns expressed that nightclub, bar, pub environments are not suitable for youth, even if no liquor is served.
- Brenton will discuss with other nightclub operators.

**4. LCLB retail policy update**

- Recent announcement that government liquor stores will be able to extend hours to the same as private stores and have refrigeration to enable selling cold beer and wine.
- There is still a moratorium on new private retail store licenses, though there is a possibility of relocating private stores from other jurisdictions.
- Changes are to be effective April 2015.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Colin Hedderson

**That** Liquor License Advisory Committee adjourn the December 4, 2014 committee meeting at 9.59 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR:

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SECRETARY: Frank Savage