



WHISTLER

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**REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2015, STARTING AT 8:45 A.M.
At Municipal Hall – Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Accommodation Sector Representative, Chair, Colin Hedderson
Food & Beverage Representative – Restaurants, Vice-chair, Kevin Wallace
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs, Mike Wilson
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs, Terry Clark
Public Safety Department Representative, RCMP, Rob Knapton
Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative, Geoff Playfair
RMOW Staff Representative, Secretary, Frank Savage
Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector, Holly Glenn
Councillor, Andrée Janyk
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Jackie Dickinson

GUEST:

Rising Tide Consultants, Bert Hick

Meeting called to order – 8:49 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Rob Knapton
Seconded by Kevin Wallace

That Liquor License Advisory Committee adopt the the Liquor License
Advisory Committee agenda of October 8, 2015

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mike Wilson
Seconded by Kevin Wallace

That Liquor License Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor License Advisory
Committee minutes of August 13, 2015

CARRIED

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Janyk provided an update on relevant topics from Council:

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- A delegation of Whistler Council and staff members will travel to Colorado October 12-17 on a fact-finding mission to learn best practices from other mountain resorts.
- Recent Union of BC Municipalities convention was successful
- Transportation Advisory Group has been re-established

Terry Clark entered meeting at 8:53 a.m.

Geoff Playfair entered meeting 8:55 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Westin Resort & Spa
Permanent Changes to a
Liquor Primary Licence
File Nos. LLR 1239 and
LLR 1240

Terry Clark, LLAC Nightclub Sector representative, declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 9:01 a.m.

Staff report presented by Frank Savage regarding permanent change in hours to the Firerock Lounge liquor primary licence and the addition of the Mountain Club area to the liquor primary licence:

- Applying for change of hours to 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. in conformance with municipal policy, (current hours 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.)
- Transfer Mountain Club from food primary licence to liquor primary licence (existing liquor primary licence is for Firerock Lounge with 150 interior capacity and 100 patio capacity)
- Increase Mountain Club capacity to 148 persons (from current 65 persons in food primary licence). With the change the liquor primary capacity would increase to 298 interior and 100 patio.
- There are noise or other negative impacts anticipated with these changes.
- No comments have been received from the public to date.
- Application will go to Council December 1, 2015

A presentation from Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants representing Cressey Whistler Project Corporation, owner of the Westin liquor licences:

- Noted that the 9:00 a.m. start of liquor service will increase flexibility for Firerock Lounge for sporting and other special events. Other liquor primary establishments in the community with 9:00 a.m. start of liquor service have not been a problem.
- The Mountain Club has operated with a food primary licence since 1999 with no negative impacts.
- The Mountain Club is open only to club members, though special events could be held and be open to public.
- Access to the venue by minors will need to be monitored by licence holder to ensure that they are accompanied by a parent or guardian (a requirement of a liquor primary licence).

LLAC member comments:

- LCLB inspector noted that the liquor primary licence will provide more service flexibility, but access by minors must be managed.
- Pub sector representative noted concern expressed by one sector member about an increase in liquor primary capacity. However, the

proposed Mountain Club operation will be for members only or for special events and should not be a problem for the sector.

Moved by Kevin Wallace
Second by Mike Wilson

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee support the application by the Westin Resort & Spa for a permanent change in hours of sale and a structural change to add the Mountain Club space to the liquor primary licence.

CARRIED

Bert Hick left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.
Terry Clark re-entered meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Provincial Liquor Policy Changes

Frank Savage presented an update to LLAC members on recent liquor policy changes issued by the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch:

- A temporary policy change during Rugby World Cup until October 31, 2015 will allow liquor primary licensed establishments to have public in their establishment before opening time. However, the hours of liquor service will remain unchanged.
- A revised site assessment analysis for large Special Occasion Licensed events will be used by liquor inspectors for assessing whether or not to impose a beer garden instead of an open site.
- Liquor and wine stores can now have liquor supplier branded refrigerator units.
- Farmers markets now have authorization to offer liquor samples and retail sale of their products. The new policy allows artisan markets to offer samples and retail sales. However, RMOW zoning requirements for retail sale of liquor must still be met.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting (if necessary) to be November 12, 2015 8:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Wallace

That Liquor License Advisory Committee adjourn the October 8, 2015 meeting at 9:43 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Colin Henderson

SECRETARY: Frank Savage