



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015, STARTING AT 8:45 A.M.
At Municipal Hall – 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, Steve LeClair
Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative, Sheila Kirkwood
RMOW Staff Representative, Secretary, Frank Savage
Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector, Holly Glenn
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Jackie Dickson
Councillor, Andrée Janyk

GUESTS:

Whistler Blackcomb, Mike Varrin
Whistler Blackcomb, Paul Street

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair Frank Savage at 8:55 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New LLAC Pub Sector Representative Mike Wilson and Restaurant Sector Representative Kevin Wallace were welcomed by the committee.

Sheila Kirkwood, retiring Fire Chief, was thanked for her contributions and wished well in her next adventures.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Steve LeClair
Seconded by Terry Clark

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee agenda of August 13, 2015

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Terry Clark
Seconded by Steve LeClair

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee minutes of March 5, 2015

CARRIED

Colin Hedderson, vice-chair, entered the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and requested that Frank Savage continue to chair the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Since the last LLAC meeting of March 5, 2015, previous LLAC chair, Brenton Smith, resigned from the committee due to work commitments.

Moved By Frank Savage
Second By Shelia Kirkwood

That Colin Hedderson be appointed as chair of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee

CARRIED

Moved By Shelia Kirkwood
Second By Steve LeClair

That Kevin Wallace be appointed as vice-chair of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee

CARRIED

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Janyk was unable to attend and provide an update.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Whistler Mountain and
Blackcomb Mountain
Temporary Use Areas
File Nos. LLR 1232 and
LLR 1233

Mike Varrin and Paul Street from Whistler Blackcomb entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Pub Sector Representative Mike Wilson, a Whistler Blackcomb employee, left the room in conformance with LLAC conflict of interest guidelines.

Frank Savage presented a summary of a report on applications for permanent changes to the Dusty's and Merlin's liquor primary licences to add Temporary Use Area Endorsements:

- Ski areas are eligible to apply for a Temporary Use Area Endorsement (TUA) to an existing liquor licence.
- Each mountain can apply to designate one or more areas with their property that can be temporarily licensed.
- Once approved, each mountain can activate one or more areas on up to 26 days during a calendar year.
- All TUAs must be outdoors and may operate no later than 10 p.m.
- Specific terms and conditions may be imposed for certain TUA locations, on certain days, at certain times, or under certain circumstances.

- Whistler Blackcomb has applied for a TUA endorsement to Dusty's liquor primary licence for six areas on Whistler Mountain:
 - Four on-mountain areas
 - World Cup Plaza at Creekside
 - “Boneyard” at bottom of Bike Park, uphill from Skiers Plaza
- Whistler Blackcomb has applied for a TUA endorsement to Merlin's liquor primary licence for six areas on Blackcomb Mountain
 - Four on-mountain areas
 - Tube Park adjacent to Parking Lot 8
 - Base 2 Parking Lot 6
- RMOW comments and proposed terms and conditions for TUA events at “on-mountain” TUA locations:
 - Occupant load (capacity) would need to be determined by Fire Department for each unique temporary venue.
 - RMOW and RCMP have few concerns about events at the on-mountain venues, except for very large events, which will require longer planning and coordination time.
- RMOW comments and proposed terms and conditions for TUA events at “urban” TUA locations:
 - Occupant load (capacity) would need to be determined by Fire Department for each unique temporary venue.
 - There are concerns about potential noise impacts on nearby accommodations or residences and potential impact on the business of other nearby food and beverage providers.
 - Events for under 500 people (low risk): RCMP and RMOW should be notified seven days in advance (same as LCLB).
 - Events for more than 500 people, but fewer than 1,000 people: Notify RCMP and apply to RMOW thirty or more days in advance. “Delegated” (General Manager, not Council) RMOW approval required.
 - Events for more than 1,000 people: Notify RCMP and apply to RMOW forty days or more in advance. Council approval required.
- Paul Street presented to the committee an explanation of the application and typical types of events for which TUA locations would be activated.
 - The purpose of the TUA applications is to accommodate a variety of public and private events and to give Whistler Blackcomb the flexibility to provide food and beverage services in key outdoor locations on its properties in a timely manner when opportunities arise.
 - It is most likely that TUA events will be hosted during favourable weather in spring. Whistler Blackcomb's intent of this licensing is to enhance events, benefit the resort and, where possible, to drive business throughout the community.
 - TUA events using the World Cup Plaza at Whistler Creek would primarily be for après ski, entertaining guests or for large private groups.
 - Whistler Blackcomb has also applied to the General Manager of the LCLB for discretion to also be able to activate its food primary licences for food-focused TUA events.

LLAC member comments:

- RCMP would not require notification for small, low risk events; two weeks is adequate notification time for larger TUA events. Whistler Blackcomb and RCMP to work together for RCMP input to events.
- Health requirements (food safety and washroom requirements) for TUA events should be reviewed by Whistler Blackcomb.
- Boneyard capacity needs to be clarified and reviewed.
- The timeliness of TUA activations can be a great opportunity for the resort.
- Clarification is required on whether or not TUA events can utilize enclosed tents or structures.
- It was suggested that TUA events could be used to drive business during lower occupancy periods.
- The full use of Whistler Blackcomb properties for food and beverage services is likely to appeal to international visitors.

Moved by Steve LeClair
Second by Kevin Wallace

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee supports the application by Whistler Blackcomb for a Temporary Use Area endorsement to Dusty's liquor primary licence for the six designated locations on Whistler Mountain, and

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee supports the application by Whistler Blackcomb for a Temporary Use Area endorsement to Merlin's liquor primary licence for the six designated locations on Blackcomb Mountain.

CARRIED

Moved by Terry Clarke
Second by Kevin Wallace

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee supports Whistler Blackcomb's application for discretion to permit some food focused TUA events where minors are not accompanied by a parent or guardian.

CARRIED

Whistler Blackcomb representatives left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Mike Wilson returned to the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Provincial Liquor Policy
Changes

An update to LLAC members on recent liquor policy changes issued by the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch and a discussion of the impact of liquor policy changes implemented in 2014 was led by Frank Savage.

New liquor policies introduced since the last LLAC meeting in March include:

1. All Special Occasion Licence (SOL) applications are now online, a significant change which has required adjustments to municipal processes. Whistler Fire Department no longer sees SOL applications, but applicants will need to get approval for venue occupant load.

2. "Alcohol Sense" public education materials (posters and/or cards) must now be displayed at all licensed establishments and retail stores. One LLAC member reported the posters to be useful.

Liquor policies introduced in 2014 which the LLAC is monitoring:

1. Happy Hour
 - RCMP have not noticed any issues with the new policy related to happy hour
 - One establishment experienced issues with patrons attempting to abuse their late night happy hour; changes have been made and the situation has improved.
 - With late night happy hour the nightclub sector had noted intoxicated individuals attempting to enter the nightclubs. This situation has improved but will continue to be monitored.
2. Liquor service without the necessity to order food in a food primary establishment
 - RCMP have not noticed any issues associated with this change
 - Other sectors have not experienced negative impacts.

OTHER BUSINESS

Schedule for LLAC meetings

Regular LLAC meetings have been scheduled for the first Thursday of the month, when there is business to be conducted. However, one member has been unable to attend because a schedule conflict. A revised meeting time was proposed.

Moved by Shelia Kirkwood
Second by Steve LeClair

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee support the change of the regular meeting date to the second Thursday of the month.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Terry Clark

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adjourn the August 13, 2015 committee meeting at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

ACTING CHAIR: Frank Savage