



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2017, 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 Sector Representative – Pubs, Mike Wilson
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs, Terry Clark
Food & Beverage Representative – Restaurants, Vice-Chair, Kevin Wallace
Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Cheryl Skribe
Public Safety Department Representative, RCMP, Scott Langtry
Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector, Holly Glenn
Councillor, Steve Anderson
RMOW Staff Representative, Secretary, Frank Savage
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative, Geoff Playfair

GUESTS:

Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants
Russell Kling – President, Pangea Whistler Enterprises Inc.
Priyanka Lewis – Owner, Brickworks Pub
Paul Lewis – Owner, Brickworks Pub

Chair, Colin Hedderson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mike Wilson
Seconded by Cheryl Skribe

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee agenda of March 9, 2017

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mike Wilson
Seconded by Cheryl Skribe

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee minutes of January 12, 2017.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Pangea Pod Hotel New
Food Primary Licence
File No. LLR1272

Frank Savage introduced Bert Hick, liquor licensing consultant, and Russell Kling, developer of the Pangea Pod Hotel. A report had been distributed to LLAC members prior to the meeting, and Frank presented an overview of the Pangea Pod Hotel liquor license application:

- The application is for a new food primary establishment with hours of service past midnight.
- For this type of application the LCLB requires a resolution from local government Council. Municipal policy requires a referral, review and recommendation from the LLAC.
- The proposal is for a licensed café and lounge on the second floor and a seasonal deck outdoor patio on the third floor, with hours of liquor service from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. The second floor interior capacity would be 104 persons and the third floor deck patio capacity would be 38 persons.
- Application details were referred by e- mail to LLAC members for comment, and no issues or concerns were identified.
- Frank then reviewed the application in accordance with the LLAC review criteria:
 - The establishment will primarily serve the guests of the hotel but will also be open to the public. The 88 pod sleeping units do not have cooking facilities, so the café and lounge will provide a convenient amenity for hotel guests.
 - Noise from the interior will not be a problem for the community, because doors and windows will be closed by 10 p.m. Noise from the patio is unlikely to be a problem, because outdoor speakers will be turned off by 10 p.m. In general the hotel will not want its guests disturbed by noise from the licensed areas.
 - There were no comments received during the 30-day public notification period.

Following was a presentation from the Pangea Pod Hotel representative and consultant regarding the new food primary licence. Presented to committee on the hotel development plans and the need for a food primary licence in this hotel. The representatives explained the idea around the pod hotel and how the food primary licence will benefit the guest experience and the Whistler resort community.

LLAC member questions/answers and comments:

- Anticipated guests are 30 to 45 year old single travelers.
- Estimated nightly room rate – approximately \$100
- Hotel confirmed outdoor music will be off by 10 p.m.
- LCLB liquor inspector questioned the term “lounge”, usually associated with a liquor primary establishment. The architect will amend plans submitted to LCLB to use the term “dining lounge”

- Support and encouragement from all sectors in the LLAC. No concerns were expressed

Moved by Kevin Wallace
Second by Mike Wilson

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee support the application from Pangea Pod Hotel for a new food primary licence with hours of liquor service to 1 a.m.

CARRIED

Brickworks Pub New
Liquor Primary Patio
File No. LLR1274

Frank Savage introduced Priyanka Lewis and Paul Lewis owner/operators of Brickworks Pub and provided a presentation on a report to the LLAC on an application from Brickworks for a new 41 person capacity liquor primary outdoor patio. Committee members were advised that the liquor licence application process is being coordinated with the development permit application, which is under review by the RMOW planning department.

Frank presented a summary of the LLAC report that had been distributed to LLAC members in advance.

- For a new liquor primary outdoor patio the LCLB requires a resolution from Council, and the municipal review process requires a recommendation from the LLAC.
- The Brickworks Pub is in good standing based on its compliance history.
- Analysis of the LLAC review criteria for the application:
 - Patio areas are in high demand for après ski and during warm summer weather. There are relatively few liquor primary patio seats in Village North.
 - Guests of Delta Whistler Village Suites could be disturbed if the patio is not properly managed.
 - A written agreement with the hotel and strata owners states that there be no live music or entertainment on the patio, that patio speakers be turned off by 10 p.m. and that the patio be vacated by 10 p.m. The agreement also states that the patio may only operate during the period April through October.
 - No comments have been received to date from the public.

The owner/operators of Brickworks Pub then presented on their application. They are seeking to improve their business sustainability in the summer months and to provide guests with an outdoor food and beverage experience. Patrons prefer to sit outside in good weather. Brickworks expects to utilize the patio primarily during the late morning, afternoon and early evening.

Questions & comments:

- Q: Why not utilize the patio 12 months a year?
A: Brickworks wants to attract more customers during the summer season. In order to operate in winter a detailed snow management review would be required.

- Q: Would the patio impact the Whistler Public Library and its children's programs?
A: No concerns foreseen with the library programs, as Brickworks plans to continue their family friendly atmosphere.
- Q: Will the patio be open for breakfast?
A: Discussions with the Delta Whistler Village Suites hotel are in progress. Currently Brickworks have agreed to open the patio at 11 a.m. to ensure hotel guests are not disturbed too early. However, a 9 a.m. patio opening may be considered in future for outdoor breakfast service.
- Q: The proposed patio would block the walkway next to the building. Would this inconvenience pedestrians?
A: Applicant has observed that foot traffic generally uses the sidewalk adjacent to parking spaces. [Note: This issue will be addressed through the Development Permit process.]
- Q: Does Delta Hotel support the patio application?
A: The hotel supports Brickworks Pub as a convenient amenity for hotel guests. The licensed patio would be an added amenity.
- Q: Potential for negative impacts on community?
A: RCMP representative stated that the police have never been called out to attend a problem at Brickworks. Brickworks reported that there have been no noise complaints this winter from hotel guests.

Support for the Brickworks patio application was expressed from all LLAC members.

Moved by Terry Clarke
Second by Kevin Wallace

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee support the application by Brickworks Pub for the new liquor primary outdoor patio with a capacity of up to 41 persons.

CARRIED

Provincial Liquor Policy Changes

Frank Savage provided a presentation on the new provincial policy changes and advised the LLAC of plans to present to Council at the March 21 Committee of the Whole. There was general agreement with the Guiding Principles for Licensing Decisions, which had been discussed at previous LLAC meetings. The policy directions for licensing of "other businesses", the addition of liquor primary capacity and the hours of liquor service were discussed.

Cheryl Skribe left meeting 10:42 a.m.

Next steps include a draft of Council Policy G-17, *Municipal Liquor Licensing Policy*, for LLAC review at the April LLAC meeting. Amendments to the policy will then be prepared for Council consideration in early May. Changes to the liquor licensing section of the municipal Business Regulation Bylaw will follow.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Wallace

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adjourn the March 9, 2017 Council meeting at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Colin Hedderson

SECRETARY: Frank Savage