



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 STARTING AT 10:30 A.M.

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

#### **PRESENT:**

Food & Beverage Sector Representative (Pubs), Chair, Mike Wilson  
Food & Beverage Sector Representative (Nightclubs), Vice-Chair, Terry Clark  
Food & Beverage Sector Representative (Restaurants), Kevin Wallace  
Accommodation Sector Representative, Colin Hedderson  
Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Cheryl Scribe  
Public Safety Department Representative, RCMP, Rob Knapton  
RMOW Resort Experience Staff Representative, Secretary, Frank Savage  
Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector, Holly Glenn  
Councillor, Steve Anderson  
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

#### **REGRETS:**

Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative, Geoff Playfair

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Rob Knapton  
Seconded by Kevin Wallace

**That** Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the agenda of April 26, 2018 Liquor Licence Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Kevin Wallace  
Seconded by Cheryl Scribe

**That** Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the regular Liquor Licence Advisory Committee minutes of January 11, 2018.

CARRIED

#### **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Council update was provided by Councillor Anderson:

- The Council has approved the open house on May 30, 2018 for the liquor licence applications from National (Whistler).
- Advised members that in the near future a water use bylaw will be coming into effect that will affect establishments with flow-through

water coolers. It was identified that once the flow-through systems are unrepairable they need to be replaced with an alternative.

### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Liquor Licence  
Advisory Committee  
Terms of Reference  
Amendments, File  
No. 8292

A presentation was given by Frank Savage regarding proposed amendments to the LLAC Terms of Reference. Terms of Reference were discussed at the August 10, 2017 LLAC meeting. The recommended changes included format of the document and the purpose, composition, roles and responsibilities, and the procedures of the LLAC. At the August 10 meeting members passed a motion to support the proposed changes, "... with the provision that the Council representative be a voting member and that the Resort Experience staff representative be a non-voting member." A review was subsequently held with RMOW senior staff, who felt that the Resort Experience staff member should have voting rights. As a result Appendix B of the staff report to the LLAC recommends that both the General Manager of Resort Experience (or designated alternate) and the Council representative be voting members of the committee.

- There was a discussion regarding a potential conflict of interest when the RMOW applies for a liquor licence for a municipal facility. It was noted that the LCLB now performs the complete review of liquor licence applications from local governments.

Councillor Anderson and Frank Savage left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 10:47 a.m.

- A discussion was held with the remaining committee members regarding RMOW staff and the Council representatives have voting rights on the committee. Members discussed the consequences and benefits of having Councillor and staff as voting members, as well as the impact when staff and Council representatives change.

Councillor Anderson and Frank Savage re-entered the meeting 10:56 a.m.

- Committee members requested clarification from Councillor Anderson regarding what feedback he provides to Council and who he would represent (himself or Council) if voting on the LLAC.

Moved by Colin Hedderson  
Second by Rob Knapton

**That** LLAC recommends that Council adopt the amendments to the LLAC Terms of Reference as proposed in Appendix B of the April 26, 2018 LLAC staff report, with the exception that the Council representative be a non-voting member.

CARRIED

National (Whistler)  
Liquor Licences and  
Covenant  
Modifications for  
Bowling/Games  
Facility, File No.  
LLR1308/1309

A presentation was given by Frank Savage regarding liquor licence applications by National (Whistler) Beerhall Inc. for a proposed bowling/games facility, restaurant and lounge to be located in Whistler Village Centre at 4295 Blackcomb Way. It was clarified that the report and presentation are to inform LLAC members of the application prior to the scheduled May 30, 2018 open house. Staff provided a presentation on the applications, including the history of the property, the proposed facilities, floor plans, images of the location and municipal policy considerations.

The National proposal includes:

- Restaurant and Lounge (located on main level)
  - Casual dining restaurant with a capacity of 183 (food primary liquor licensed)
  - Patio in Village Common plaza with a capacity of 75 (food primary licensed)
  - Lounge with a capacity of 69 (liquor primary licensed)
  - Liquor service hours of 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.
  - Minors permitted in the restaurant and patio at all times; minors permitted in the lounge until 10 p.m., when accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Bowling and Games Facility (located on lower level Strata Lot 241)
  - Eight bowling lanes with a seating capacity 64 (liquor primary licensed)
  - Games area with billiards, ping-pong, foosball, Skee-Ball and hoops with a capacity of 225 (liquor primary licensed)
  - Liquor service hours of 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.
  - Minors (unaccompanied) permitted until 10 p.m.

Key points of municipal policy analysis:

- TA8 Zone permits a movie theatre and indoor recreation. There is no requirement for a zoning amendment for the National proposal.
- Use of Strata Lot 241 is restricted by Covenants BT331216 and BT331218, which will require modification to accommodate the proposed bowling and games facility.
- The Whistler bylaw regarding employee housing needs to be met by the applicant.

A discussion was held, and the following comments were made by LLAC members:

- The applicant is requesting that the “scoring” area of the bowling lanes be included in the licensed area. This may not be permitted by LCLB policy. The licensed areas will be reviewed when the final plan drawings are submitted.
- A member expressed concern that the proposed bowling/games area might operate as an “arcade” and not be appropriate for unaccompanied youth in the community.

- National has not established a reputation or operated in Whistler and may not understand the challenge of creating a safe environment for minors and other patrons in an international resort.
- Members would like to see the applicant provide a family-oriented establishment. It is believed that bowling/games facility will depend more on income from liquor sales than on families bowling.
- Committee members agreed it should be mandatory to have food services available in the lower level bowling/games area.
- Members discussed the requirement for on-shift staff. National had advised of a staff requirement of 73 on a peak shift.
- One member expressed concern that bowling/games area could appear to have a “Disneyland vibe.”
- Committee members questioned if the National proposal is aligned with the needs of the community.
- Members expressed concern that National marketing will not be directed to family groups, but instead they will be looking for patrons purchasing cheap drinks, resulting in problems for the community.
- Further concern was expressed that the establishment could potentially bring on competition from other restaurants and nightclubs, who may then offer reduced price drinks.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

LLAC regular meeting  
time

The historical LLAC regular meeting start time of 8:45 a.m. has been a challenge for some members. It was agreed that the regular meeting time for the LLAC will be changed to the second Thursday of the month, starting at 10:30 a.m.

#### **MOTION TO TERMINATE**

Moved by Colin Hedderson  
Second by Kevin Wallace

**That** Liquor Licence Advisory Committee meeting of April 26, 2018 be terminated at 12:17 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair: Mike Wilson

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Recording Secretary: Shannon Perry