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REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 STARTING AT 10:30 A.M.

In the Flute Room at Municipal Hall
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT:

Food & Beverage Sector Representative (Restaurants), Chair, Kevin Wallace
Food & Beverage Sector Representative (Pubs), Vice-Chair, Mike Varrin
Food & Beverage Sector Representative (Nightclubs), Brendon King
Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Kerry Hannah
Public Safety Department Representative, RCMP, Rob Knapton
Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) Inspector, Tyler Maloney
RMOW Resort Experience Staff Representative, Stephanie Johnson
Recording Secretary, Denise Taveira

REGRETS:

Councillor John Grills
Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative, John McKearney
Accommodation Sector Representative, Julie Lanteigne

GUESTS:

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB), Peter Mion
Nita Lake Lodge, General Manager, Theresa Ginter

Nomination of Chair
and Vice-Chair

Moved by M. Varrin
Second by R. Knapton

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee support Kevin Wallace as Chair and
Mike Varrin as Vice-Chair of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Varrin
Seconded by B. King

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the agenda of November 14,
2019 Liquor Licence Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Knapton

Seconded by M. Varrin

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the regular Liquor Licence Advisory Committee minutes of March 14, 2019.

CARRIED

COUNCIL UPDATE

Update provided by Stephanie Johnson on current Liquor Licence applications including:

- Tourism Whistler has applied for extensions of closing hours for two events during the 2020 Whistler Pride and Ski Festival. Staff anticipate that this item will be on the December 3, 2019 Regular meeting agenda for Council consideration.
- Whistler Cooks Restaurant Inc. (Hunter Gather) located at 101-4368 Main Street has withdrawn their application to add a patron participation entertainment endorsement to its food primary licence.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

LLR1339 Nita Lake Lodge Cure Lounge and Patio Liquor Primary Licence

Theresa Ginter, Nita Lake Lodge General Manager outlined the intent of this structural change application to increase the capacity under Cure Lounge's existing Liquor primary licence to allow 30 patrons at the new spa.

A presentation by Stephanie Johnson, Planning Analyst, was given on Nita Lake Lodge (NLL) Management (2013) Ltd. application on a structural change to increase capacity for the Liquor Primary Licence issued to Cure Lounge and Patio at Nita Lake Lodge.

- The spa is currently under renovation through a Building permit
- The Municipal review concluded that Nita Lake Lodge: is in good standing with the Municipality and RCMP, has received an occupancy load stamp by Whistler Fire for 30 persons, conducted public notification (two newspaper ads and a sign at the site for 30 days) and no comments were received, no negative impact to the surrounding community is anticipated
- Based on the Municipal review process staff are recommending that the LLAC support the application

Questions & Answers:

RCMP Representative: Support. No concerns.

Q. Pub Sector Representative: Could there be a condition that this stays as a spa only? What happens if there is a new owner who uses this licence for another purpose?

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- LCRB Representative: No there is no way to specifically say that the licence only works while operating as a spa.
- Resort Experience Staff Representative: Should the spa change to a different business this would trigger a Municipality Business licence change, which would go through a review process by the RMOW and the LCRB.
- NLL Representative: Regarding this space NLL is focused on maintaining the space as a spa facility and see the business model continuing to move in the direction of wellness, there is no doubt that the spa wouldn't be a spa.

Pub Sector Representative: Support.

WCSS Representative: Support.

Restaurant Sector Representative: Support.

Nightclub Sector Representative: Support.

LCRB Representative: Low risk, high reward. Support

Q. LCRB Representative: How will NLL facilitate minors in the spa?

- NLL Representative: The spa at NLL has requested a family endorsement with this licence. Children under 16 will not be permitted in the spa. The primary focus is on a retail spa service and they do not have any foreseeable concerns as they are only planning to have a small fridge for champagne and a glass or two to be consumed by guests.

Moved by K. Wallace

Seconded by K. Hannah

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee support the application from Nita Lake Lodge for a structural change to increase capacity for the liquor primary license issued to the cure lounge and patio to add liquor service to the lodge's new spa and esthetics area on the ground floor.

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Theresa Ginter left the meeting 10:59 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

A brief discussion was had within the committee regarding the new LCRB representative

New LCRB
Representative

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by M. Varrin
Seconded by R. Knapton

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee meeting of November 14, 2019 be terminated at 11:04 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair: K. Wallace

Recording Secretary: D. Taveira