

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting

From: **Development & Planning**

Date: July 11, 2022

Subject: Liquor licence amendment to Change Hours of Liquor Service (After Midnight)

Recommendation: **THAT Council approve the comments made in this report to be sent to the LCRB regarding a Change to Hours of Liquor Service (After Midnight) for Grand Forks Station Pub Restaurant (164601), located at 7654 Donaldson Drive, Grand Forks, B.C.**

Purpose

To provide Council with the necessary information to provide comment to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) regarding Change to Hours of Liquor Service (After Midnight) for Grand Forks Station Pub & Restaurant (164601) located at 7654 Donaldson Drive.

Background

The Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) has received an application to Change Hours of Liquor Service (After Midnight) for Grand Forks Station Pub & Restaurant (164601) located at 7654 Donaldson Drive. Before the LCRB can decide whether to issue the licence, Local Governments must first gather input for the community within the immediate vicinity of the establishment and provide comments on the application. Alternatively, Council may also choose to delegate the authority of providing comment on the application to Staff.

Comments to the LCRB regarding a Lounge Area Endorsement must speak clearly to the following items:

- The impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity of the establishment
- The impact on the community if the application is approved
- The views of residents, and a description of the method used to gather views
- The local government's recommendations (including whether the application should be approved) and the reasons on which they are based

These comments must consider:

- The location of the establishment
- The proposed hours of service
- The person capacity of the establishment

Hours

The applicant proposes to change the hours of liquor service as follows:

Proposed Changes:	Current Approved Hours	Proposed Hours
Monday-Thursday	10AM-12AM	10AM-1AM
Friday-Saturday	11AM-1AM	10AM-1AM
Sunday	11AM-12AM	10AM-1AM

Staff note that although the application information on the LCRB licencing portal indicates that the applicant requested a closing time of 6:00pm on Sundays, staff subsequently confirmed with the applicant that this was a mistake, and their request is for a closing time of 1:00am on Sundays.

Tentative Timeline:

Activity	Date (2022)
Staff received notification of amendment application	June 21 st
Public feedback session advertisement published in the Grand Forks Gazette	June 29th
Cut-off for written submissions from the public	July 8th
Public feedback session held	July 11th
Request for Decision brought to Council	July 11th

Proposed Comments:

The following table lays out the required components of comments that must be made to the LCRB regarding a Lounge Area Endorsement and Staff's recommended comments.

Requirement	Comment
The impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity of the establishment	Noise is not expected to be an issue due to the neighbourhood commercial location of the business which is on a busy collector road.
The impact on the community if the application is approved	If the application is approved, the impact is expected to be positive in that it will support the growth of the local economy and offer expanded hours for a social venue for residents. The hours of service are acceptable.
The views of residents, and a description of the method used to gather views	_____ responses were received from the public. The public was invited to participate in a public feedback session on July 11th, 2022, which was advertised in the local newspaper on June 29 th , 2022. The newspaper ad also invited the public to submit written feedback which would be taken until noon on July 8 th , 2022. Comments from the Public

	Feedback Session were:
The local government's recommendations (including whether the application should be approved) and the reasons on which they are based.	Council recommends to <u>approve/not approve</u> the endorsement. The proposed expanded hours of the establishment present no immediate concerns to the City or to the public. This establishment provides jobs and a social venue for residents and visitors and contributes to the local economy and tax base.

Benefits or Impacts

General

The expanded hours have the potential to attract more people to the area for longer and support revitalization of the Grand Forks business sector.

Finances

There are no costs to the City directly associated with the liquor licence. Supporting the LCRB application may lead to stimulation of the local economy by drawing more persons to this area of the community and creating more jobs.

Strategic Impact

N/A

Risk Assessment

Compliance:

- LCRB policy
- Liquor Control and Licensing Act

Risk Impact:

Low

Internal Control Process:

Staff is complying with LCRB requirements for local governments to provide comments on Lounge Area Endorsement applications.

Next Steps / Communication

Comments will be provided to the LCRB.

Attachments

Appendix A: LCRB Publication - Local Government Qs & As

Appendix B: Grand Forks Gazette Ad from June 29th, 2022

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Options

1. Council could choose to delegate the authority to provide comments on this Liquor Primary application to Staff.
2. Council could choose to amend the comments made in this report before submission to the LCRB.