



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

# Report

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**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning  
**Date:** July 23, 2019  
**Subject:** Request for a Resolution of Council in Support of Extended Hours Past Midnight and Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsements Related to a New Food Primary Licence Application for The Banquet at Uptown.  
**File:** LIQ00022 • 3440 Saanich Road (Alias: Unit 207 – 3500 Uptown Boulevard)

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## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the application to the B.C. Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for endorsements for extended hours past midnight and patron participation entertainment related to a new food primary licence application be supported.
2. That a copy of the Report and Committee of the Whole minutes be forwarded to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council on the subject application. The application is for a resolution of Council in support of an application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for extended hours past midnight and patron participation entertainment endorsements related to a new food primary licence application for The Banquet at Uptown. Proposed hours of operation would be 9:00 am to 2:00 am daily. Patron participation entertainment would include dancing and live music from time to time. The applicant is The Banquet (Uptown) Ltd.

## PROCESS

The Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch process requires that a local government or their delegate, in respect to an hours of liquor service past midnight endorsement or a patron participation entertainment endorsement, must include comments on:

- The impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity of the establishment;
- The general impact on the community; and

- Whether hours of liquor service that extend past midnight and/or patron participation entertainment may result in the establishment being operated in a manner that is contrary to its primary purpose.

For food primary license referrals, Council Policy (04/105) is to provide early notice to community associations, schools, businesses, and social facilities within a 90 m radius of the subject property. The application is then considered at a Committee of the Whole meeting following notification to owners and residents, also within a 90 m radius.

**DISCUSSION**

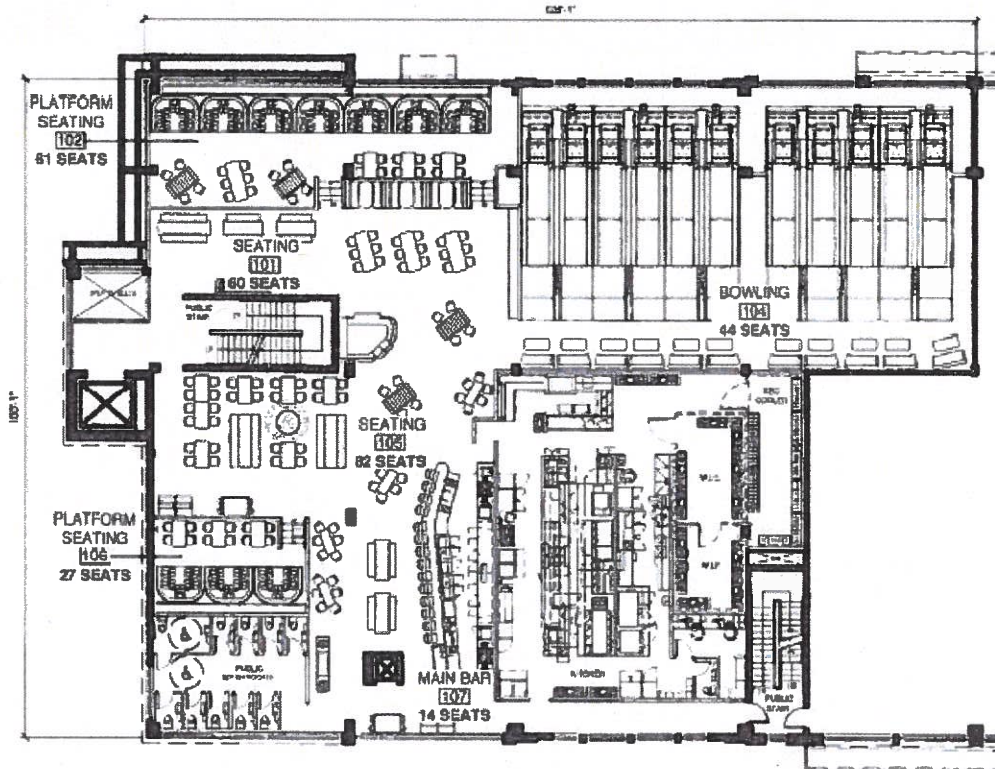
**Neighbourhood Context**

The proposed facility is located in the Uptown Shopping Centre, on the west side of Uptown Boulevard. It would have seating for 636 persons and would occupy space on two floors including upper level patio space. In addition to dining and bar seating, the main floor would include 11 bowling lanes and the upper floor would include a turf area for recreational activities. A two level unit with roof top patio space was anticipated in the original design of shopping centre to accommodate a restaurant or other similar use.

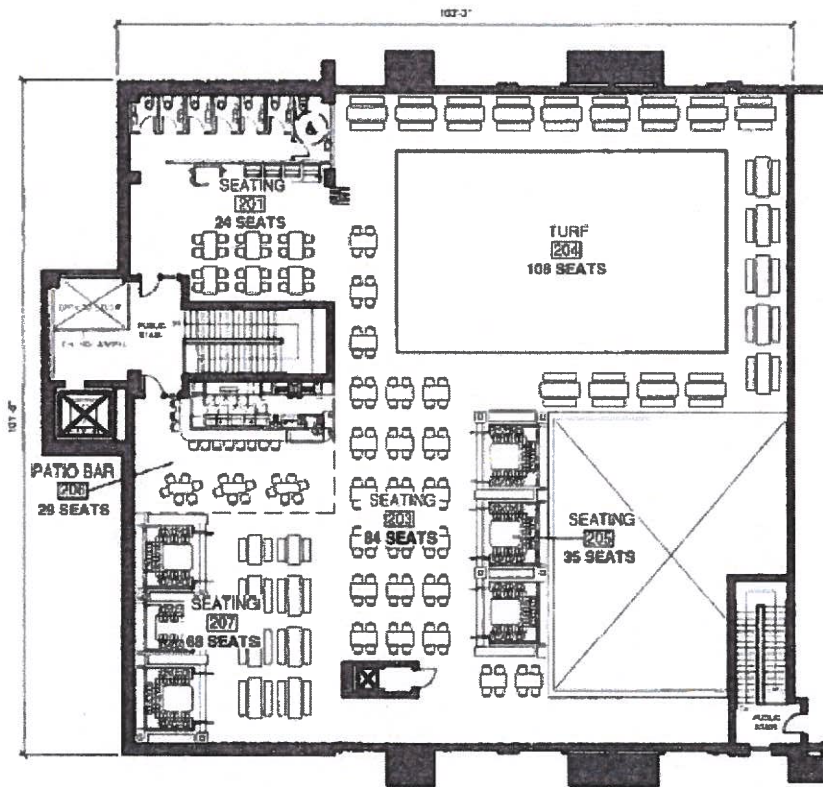


**Figure 1: Neighbourhood Context**





Main Floor



Upper Floor

Figure 2: Proposed Floor Plans (Image from Northern Sky Architecture Inc.)

**Noise and Community Impact**

Community impact from extended hours and/or patron participation entertainment is expected to be minimal. That said, the subject site is within the Uptown Major "Centre" as designated in the Official Community Plan (OCP). This area is anticipated for significant future growth and a broad cross section of land uses. A Major "Centre" is planned to be a more vibrant living environment and residents can anticipate noise and activities typical of an urban centre/downtown. The proposed facility would provide a new dining and recreational opportunity and help to enliven the shopping centre.

**Likelihood of Inappropriate Operation**

This factor is related to the possibility that extended hours or patron participation entertainment could result in the operation of the business in a manner that does not meet the intent of the license. The facility would operate primarily as a restaurant and entertainment establishment consistent with the original intent when the shopping centre was designed. Uptown has its own security staff which would continue to monitor on-site activities and take appropriate action as necessary.

Saanich Police advise they have no objection to the application. The Saanich Fire Department also indicated no objection to the application.

The request for extended hours after midnight and patron participation entertainment endorsements related to a new food primary license application would be considered by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch following receipt of a resolution from Council.

**Views of Residents**

Council Policy (04/105) is to notify community associations, schools, businesses, and social facilities within a 90 m radius of the subject property, and to consider the application at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

In accordance with Council Policy (04/105), early notice of the application was mailed to the Mt. View Colquitz Community Association, businesses and social facilities within a 90 m radius of the subject property.

As a result of the early notice, twelve responses from Uptown businesses were received indicating no objection to the proposed food primary license and endorsements. In addition, a response has been received from the Mt. View Colquitz Community Association indicating no objection.

**CONCLUSION**

The applicant has applied to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for extended hours past midnight (9:00 am to 2:00 am daily) and patron participation entertainment (dancing and live music from time to time) endorsements related to a new food primary license application for The Banquet at Uptown.

The proposed endorsements can be supported as: noise and other impacts to the surrounding neighbours and/or inappropriate activity related to the operation of the facility are expected to be relatively minimal; and such land uses are in keeping with the designation of the area as a Major "Centre" in the Official Community Plan.

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

I endorse the recommendation from the Director of Planning.

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Paul Thorkelsson, Administrator