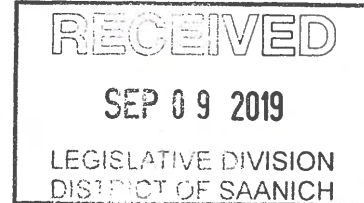




The Corporation of the District of Saanich

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Report



To: Mayor and Council
From: Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning
Date: September 9, 2019
Subject: Request for a Resolution of Council for Revisions to Liquor-Primary License #306935 and 306936 for Victoria Caledonian Brewery & Distillery File: LIQ00023 • 761 Enterprise Crescent

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the application to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to amend liquor-primary licenses #306935 and 306936 for Victoria Caledonian Brewery & Distillery in order to extend the hours of liquor service by two hours (from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.) Monday through Sunday, be supported.
2. That a copy of the report and Committee of the Whole minutes be forwarded to the BC 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 BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to amend liquor-primary licenses #306935 and 306936 for Victoria Caledonian Brewery & Distillery. The proposed change would extend liquor service by two hours Monday through Sunday. Current hours of liquor service are 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Proposed hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. The applicant advises that no change to the facility operation is proposed, and that the liquor primary operation would remain as such. The applicant is Victoria Caledonian Brewery & Distillery.

PROCESS

The BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch process requires that a local government or their delegate, in respect to an amendment application, must include comments on:

- The impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity of the establishment;
• The impact on the community if the application is approved;
• Whether the amendment may result in the establishment being operated in a manner that is contrary to its primary purpose;
• The location of the establishment; and
• The person capacity and hours of liquor service of the establishment.

For an application to amend an existing liquor license, 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 (see Figure 1).

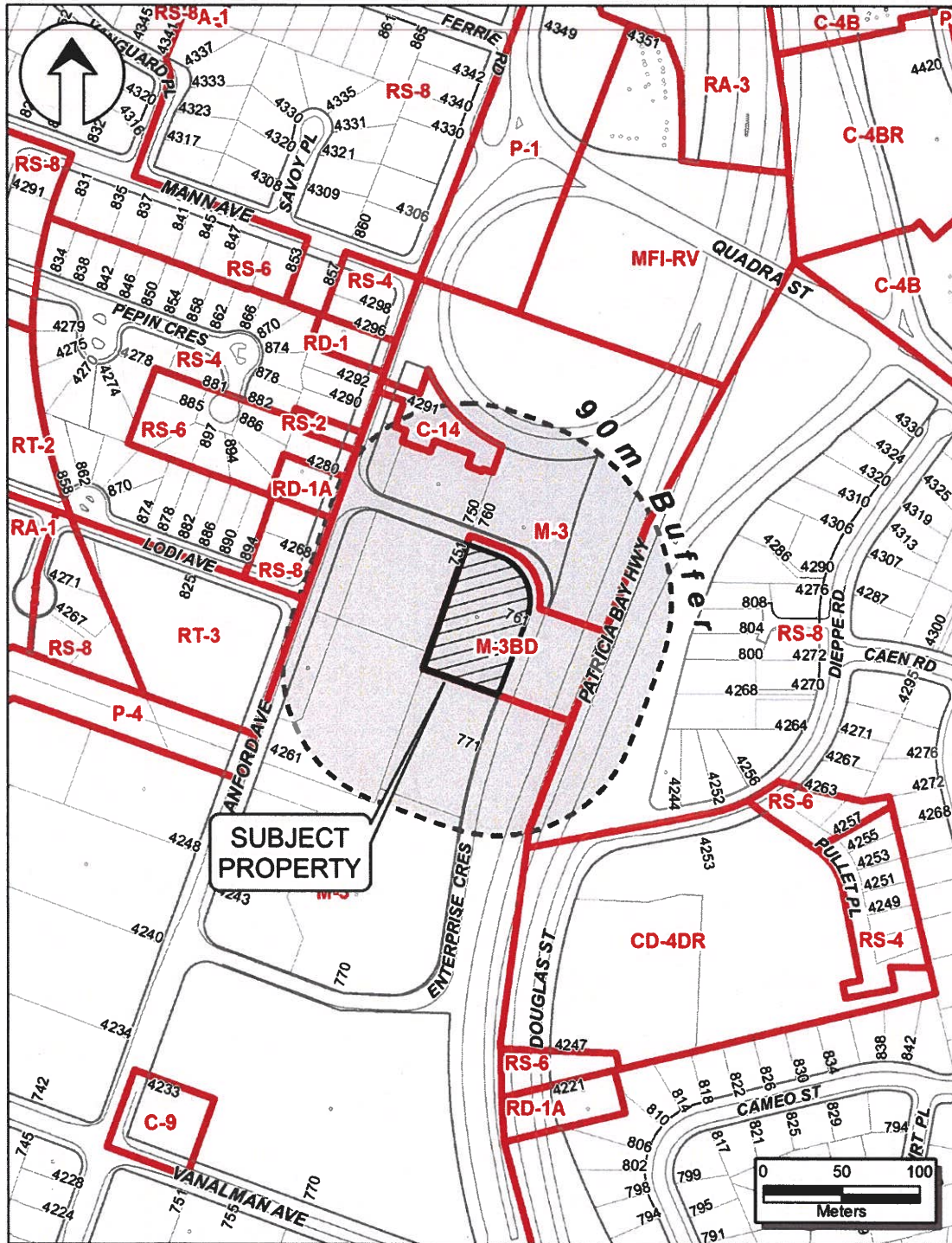


Figure 1: Neighbourhood Context

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Neighbourhood Context**

The 4173.9 m<sup>2</sup> site is located on the west side of Enterprise Crescent in the Royal Oak Industrial Park. Surrounding land use is industrial on three sides. There are single family dwellings to the west of Glanford Avenue and to the east across Highway 17 (see Figure 1).

Note that Council Policy regarding new liquor-primary applications calls for notification for residents within a 180 m radius of the subject property. This was done for the original application which was considered by Saanich Council at their meeting of August 8, 2016. For amendments to an existing liquor license, such as the current application, the notification radius is 90 m.

### **Noise and Community Impact**

The site is located in an industrial area away from any residential uses so that community impact is expected to be negligible. The brewery and distillery lounge are interior areas overlapping the on-site store, tasting room and production facility. It is not anticipated that the lounge area(s) would result in excessive noise detectable from outside the building.

### **Likelihood of Inappropriate Operation**

This factor is related to the possibility of concern that the change in licensing could result in the operation of the business in a manner that does not meet the intent of the license. The facility would continue to operate as a lounge; the proposed change in hours is not anticipated to significantly alter the business operation.

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

The request for a permanent change to the liquor licence would be considered by the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch following receipt of a resolution from Council.

### **Views of Residents**

For an application to amend an existing liquor licence, 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 Royal Oak and North Quadra Community Associations, businesses and social facilities within a 90 m radius of the subject property.

As a result of the early notice, three letters, directed to the Planning Department, were received indicating no objection to the proposed amendment to the existing liquor licence.

In addition, a response has been received from the Royal Oak Community Association indicating no objection, subject to their comment that:

“The applicant and/or Saanich should poll the commercial/industrial and residential neighbours in the vicinity of the business, including residential properties in Glanford Ave in proximity to the intersections with Enterprise Crescent that may be subject to increased traffic during the proposed extended operating hours of Caledonian Brewery and Distillery.”

As noted earlier, Council Policy 04/105 was followed with respect to notification and consultation. Also as noted earlier, the wider 180 m radius was notified for the original application in 2016. A referral response was also received from the North Quadra Community Association stating they would:

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“rely (on) and support the response and comments from the Royal Oak Community Association.”

### **Location of the Establishment**

As noted above, the location of the establishment lends itself to the proposed extension in hours. Limited impacts are expected as a result of the extension, especially in light of the fact that no residential buildings are located within close proximity to the business.

### **Capacity and Hours**


No changes to capacity are proposed.

The applicant is proposing to extend liquor service hours by two additional hours Monday through Sunday. No additional changes are proposed to the facility operation.


### **CONCLUSION**

The applicant has applied to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for an extension of hours of operation for Victoria Caledonian Brewery & Distillery in order to extend the hours of liquor service by two hours, from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Monday through Sunday.

The proposal to amend the liquor-primary licence to extend the hours of operation can be supported as there would be no significant change to business operations, no increase in licenced capacity or occupant load, and impacts on the surrounding neighbours are expected to be minimal.

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

I endorse the recommendation from the Director of Planning.

  
Paul Thorkelsson, Administrator