



MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14th STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor H. Back, Chair
Mayor D. Mussatto
Councillor D. Bell
Councillor P. Bookham
Councillor L. Buchanan
Councillor R. Clark
Councillor C. Keating

STAFF MEMBERS

K. Tollstam, CAO
K. Graham, City Clerk
J. Ficocelli, Deputy City Clerk
B. Pearce, Director, Special Projects
B. Themens, Director, Finance
G. Penway, Director, Community Development
M. Epp, City Planner
D. Pope, City Engineer
P. Navratil, Deputy City Engineer
M. Hunter, Manager, Parks and Environment
L. Orr, Manager, Business Services
T. Forrest, Planning Analyst
C. Wilkinson, Planner
D. Johnson, Planner 2
J. Peters, Timekeeper

The Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Policy Committee of Council will consider the review of current municipal controls and options for regulating licensed retail liquor sales.

At a Regular Meeting of Council held on July 20, 2015, staff presented a report entitled "Review of Municipal Controls on Licensed Retail Liquor Stores and Policy Options". At that time, Council referred the matter to a meeting of the Policy Committee to hear from stakeholders and the public.

2. STAFF PRESENTATION

The City Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation on the application and responded to questions from members of Council.

3. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter received from Joseph Tarnowski, dated July 31, 2015, Monarc Hospitality Corp., 100-20690 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge, stating support for a 1 km rule for all liquor licences.

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3. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE - Continued

- Letter received from Poma Dhaliwal, dated September 15, 2015, President, Alliance of Beverage Licensees, 200-948 Howe Street, Vancouver, stating opposition to liquor sales in grocery stores.
- Letter from Randy Wilson, dated June 23, 2015, Board Chair, British Columbia Private Liquor Store Association, 4-1609 Blanshard Street, Victoria, stating opposition to liquor sales in grocery stores.
- Email received from Michael Knowles, dated October 23, 2015, 1033 Cloverley Street, North Vancouver, stating support of liquor sales in grocery stores.
- Email received from Stephen Barron, dated October 26, 2015, owner, The Gull Liquor Store, stating opposition of liquor sales in grocery stores.
- Letter received from Miles Prodan, President/CEO, BC Wine Institute and Mike Olson, Vice President, Overwaitea Food Group, dated October 26, 2015, stating support of liquor sales in grocery stores.
- Email received from Paul Simpson, Armstrong Simpson, Barristers and Solicitors, 2080-777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, stating support of liquor sales in grocery stores.
- Email received from Steve Moriarty, Director, STB Development, Overwaitea Food Group LP, 19855-92A Avenue, Langley, stating support of liquor sales in grocery stores.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Kelly Smith, 1236 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, spoke in support of limiting the distance zoning for all licensed liquor sales.
- Robert Simpson, 100-291 East 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, and Paul Simpson, 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, expressed opposition for licensed liquor sales in grocery stores.
- Allan Riedlinger, 915 Drayton Street, North Vancouver, Owner, Sailor Hagar's Pub, spoke in opposition to an increase in liquor licences, stating loss of business and concern for sale to minors.
- Rob Nolan, 170 East Keith Road, North Vancouver, employee at Sailor Hagar's Pub, spoke in opposition to an increase in liquor licences.
- Mike Olson, 19855 92A Avenue, Langley, Vice President, Save On Foods/Overwaitea Food Group, spoke in support of VQA wines being available in grocery stores and in opposition of the 1 km policy restrictions.
- Gill Jin, 1775 Gordon Avenue, West Vancouver, owner, The Gull Liquor Store, Park and Tilford, North Vancouver, expressed opposition to licensed liquor sales in grocery stores, stating concern for sale to minors and loss of business.
- Steve Moriarty, 19855 92A Avenue, Langley, Overwaitea Food Group, expressed support for liquor licences in grocery stores without a distance restriction.

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4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Continued

- Hector Bremner, 200 Water Street, Vancouver, Vice President Public Affairs, The Pace Group, expressed support of licences in grocery stores without a distance restriction.
- Brian Riedlinger, 2583 Swinburne Avenue, North Vancouver, Owner, Sailor Hagar's Pub and Liquor Store, spoke in support of the 1km distance rule between all retail liquor stores.
- Kaylen Bevan, 2583 Swinburne Avenue, North Vancouver, spoke in support of small businesses in North Vancouver.
- Bert Hick, 1661-1130 West Pender Street, Vancouver, Rising tide Consultants, requested that consideration of the regulation of licensed retail liquor stores be put on hold in order to determine the effects of the considered changes.
- Jeff Guignard, 200-948 Howe Street, Vancouver, Executive Director, Alliance of Beverage Licensees, expressed support for the 1 km rule.

5. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Bookham

THAT staff be directed to implement Option 3 of the policy presentation (general limiting distance zoning for any licensed sales).

DEFEATED

Councillor Back, Councillor Buchanan, Councillor Keating and Mayor Mussatto are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT staff be directed to implement Option 1 of the policy presentation (maintain current policy – 1 km separation between licensee retail stores only).

CARRIED

Councillor Bell and Councillor Bookham are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT the Policy Committee Meeting regarding the “Review of Current Municipal Controls and Options for Regulating Licensed Retail Liquor Sales”, adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Policy Committee Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

“Certified Correct by the City Clerk”

Karla D. Graham, City Clerk