



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson - Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Eddington

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
Land Development Engineer

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Dave Crown, President British Columbia Liquor Licensee & Retailers Association File: 0550-20-10; 4320-50

Dave Crown, President, was in attendance with respect to the impact on the community due to the recently announced liquor regulation changes.

Mr. Crown reported the following:

- That as of December 20, 2002 there will be two types of liquor licenses; Food Primary (restaurants) and Liquor Primary (pubs, cabarets, hotels).
- That the Solicitor General has allowed an automatic endorsement to restaurant license holders, the ability to allocate 20% of their current seating to a maximum of 40 seats to the service of alcohol without food and that according to the regulations, this change would take place without any local government consideration.
- That it should be noted that minors would be allowed in lounge areas.
- That servers in lounge areas would not be age restricted and not required to have "Serving It Right" responsible beverage service training.
- That with the changes in regulations, there is the potential to add 3,874 liquor seats in Surrey.
- That there are public safety issues and most municipalities are not prepared or equipped to deal with the additional liquor seats and social problems that occur when you have minors serving minors.
- That all Liquor Primary establishments will be able to increase their seating to fire occupancy without local government approval.
- That restaurants wishing to stay open until 2:00 a.m. are not required to obtain local government approval.
- That after December 2, 2002, many restaurants that have increased their hours will be able to apply for lounge endorsement, allowing the service of alcohol beyond the hours of a neighbourhood pub.
- That local government would be straddled with higher policing costs.

- That Liquor License Inspectors would be discharged and those duties would be passed onto Local Government.
- That there would be more incidents of drunk driving, noise, late night disturbances, and accidents 7 days a week with no community input.
- That Alberta has a similar system in place and also the highest rate of drinking driving offenses in Canada, with no Counterattack program.
- That the industry would suffer a huge impact, meaning financial failures for many establishments.
- That at the end of 2003, no more pints of beer would be sold.
- That the Provincial Government has no public interest or financial gain to these changes and there would be negative impact on communities and increased police costs.
- That many MLA's are not in favour of these changes and the B.C. Liquor Licensee & Retailers Association has written to all Councils in the province explaining their dismay that there has been no meaningful dialogue with the Minister.
- That the Liquor Branch manual speaks to "Destructive Competition" whereby licensees resort to unethical and sometimes illegal conduct and cheap drinks in order to survive in a marketplace saturated with liquor licenses.
- That the B.C. Liquor Licensee & Retailers Association is requesting Council to write the Premier asking for reconsideration of these proposed changes and that any changes should reflect municipal authority and community standards.
- That the B.C. Liquor Licensee & Retailers Association is requesting Council to speak out on this matter at the upcoming UBCM conference.

2. **John Greco**

File: 0550-20-10; 5400-80-10400

John Greco was in attendance to discuss the removal of trees at 13979 - 104 Avenue.

Mr. Greco reported the following:

- That he is the Property Manager of the commercial property complex, and together with the tenants leasing the stores in the building, would like the City to remove the Chinese Cherry Trees and replace them with small Cedar trees as they are causing a mess, lifting the sidewalk bricks, and creating a tripping hazard in front of the property.
- That falling leaves end up in the sewer system and fallen cherries are being tracked into the stores on peoples' shoes.
- That the Cherry Trees could be relocated and replanted to a more suitable location.

- That the property owners would be willing to pay for the replacement trees and provide maintenance.
- That the brush growing along the B.C. Hydro right-of-way across the street creates a safety hazard and requires trimming.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Chairperson