

Present:

Chairperson – Councillor Hunt
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor Watts

Absent:

Councillor Gill

Staff Present:

City Clerk
City Manager
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Paddy Nikbin, Office Manager with Parviz (Peter) Sahih - Owner and CEO, and Farhad (Fred) Sahid - Co-owner and General Manager**

File: 3900-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to present on the subject of 'Two-year Temporary Licences.'

The following comments were made:

- The delegation noted they have been dealing with various staff within City hall looking for answers regarding their two-year temporary licence inquiry.
- They wish to remain in Surrey, at their current location; however, due to economic times and recent rezoning of the new downtown core, their business does not fit within the context of the new City Centre.
- The delegation is looking for a buyer to purchase their car lot; in the meantime, they are requesting two-year temporary business licences be granted to allow them to rent out office space to various tenants.
- Council asked the delegation to qualify their current business licence arrangement. The delegation clarified that their car lot business is currently licensed; they are seeking to rent out unused office space located on the property to a variety of tenants, in order to do so, they are requesting consideration from Council to permit two-year temporary licences for interested businesses who will reside on their property.
- The delegation clarified they are only seeking a temporary solution until the sale of their primary business (car lot) can be arranged and reiterated with the new re-zoning of the downtown core, it makes it very difficult for them to sub-lease space to tenants.

Council requested a report back from staff to explain the delegations rezoning / two-year temporary business licence request more fully, once received Council will make a decision and give staff further direction on how to proceed with the applicant.

2. **Bert Hick, President of Rising Tide Consultants with Karen Reid Sidhu,
Director of Business Development & Licensing**
File: 4320-50; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council regarding the current policy relating to private liquor retail stores located in Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- Rising Tide Consultants asked Council to review the current policy to remove the requirement of having a liquor primary licence in conjunction with the liquor retail store licence.
- The requirement results in licensed retail stores having to incur additional expenses which may be a burden to the licensee. In many locations within the City of Surrey, a liquor primary licensed establishment may not be economically viable and the licensee would like the option to cancel the licence.
- The delegation requested the City to consider changing the policy to drop the requirement of having a liquor primary licence (LP) and noted other municipalities near Surrey (i.e., Delta and Langley) no longer have the requirement in place.
- It was clarified there is still a moratorium on Licensee Retail Store (LRS) licensing; if it was removed, it would result in the reduction of liquor-primary (LP) liquor primary seats in the City of Surrey.

Council requested staff to provide a report examining the City's policy regarding private liquor retail stores.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin


Seconded by Councillor Hayne

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Hunt, Chairperson