

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LIQUOR STORE LOCATION FRAMEWORK REVIEW

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council direct staff to review the Liquor Store Location Framework (Framework) in response to the number of rezoning applications received for private liquor stores (Licensee Retail Stores).
2. THAT consideration of new rezoning applications for Licensee Retail Stores be suspended until the completion of the Liquor Store Location Framework review.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Planning and Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2020 February 25, expressed concern regarding the increased number of rezoning applications for private liquor stores, or Licensee Retail Stores (LRSs), recently received by the City.

Arising from discussion, the Committee recommended that Council direct staff to review of the Liquor Store Location Framework.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Safe Community
 - Crime prevention and reduction –
Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community
- A Connected Community
 - Partnership –
Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments

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- An Inclusive Community
 - Serve a diverse community –
Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life –
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Healthy environment –
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
- A Dynamic Community
 - Economic opportunity –
Foster an environment that attracts new and supports existing jobs, businesses and industries
 - Community development –
Manage change by balancing economic development with environmental protection and maintaining a sense of belonging
- A Thriving Organization
 - Communication –
Practice open and transparent communication among staff, Council and the community

3.0 BACKGROUND

The City's Guidelines for Assessing Rezoning Applications for Liquor Stores were adopted along with the Liquor Store Location Framework (Framework) on 2006 May 08. The Framework divides the city into four quadrants based on the Town Centres, in order to ensure a reasonable distribution of both BC Government Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) stores and LRSs, while avoiding a concentration of stores in any one area. The locational criteria for liquor stores require establishment of an LDB Signature Store in a Town Centre prior to establishment of smaller supporting LDB stores or LRSs in the same quadrant.

Recently, the Committee has witnessed an increased number of rezoning applications for LRSs within the established guidelines. As the Framework was adopted by Council in 2006, the Committee has requested that Council request that staff review the Framework in response to the increased number of rezoning applications for LRSs.

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4.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Committee recommend that Council direct staff to review the adopted Framework, including the number of LRSs permitted in each quadrant. In conjunction with the review, the Committee recommends that Council consideration of new rezoning applications for LRSs be suspended until the completion of the Framework review.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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