

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **DATE:** March 16, 2023

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER **FILE:** 46000 06
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT *Reference:* LLA#22-06

SUBJECT: LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION #22-06
GRAND VILLA HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENCE
AMENDMENT
4331 DOMINION STREET

PURPOSE: To provide Council with information regarding an amendment to the liquor licence application for the Grand Villa Hotel and Restaurant and to initiate a public consultation process for the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize staff to gather public input regarding a request for a food primary liquor licence for the Grand Villa Hotel and Restaurant, which is located at 4331 Dominion Street (see Sketch #1 *attached*).
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the General Manager, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, P.O. Box 9292, Stn. Provincial Government, Victoria, BC, V8W 9J8; and to the applicant, James Thomson, Delta Hotels, 4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, BC, V5G 1C7.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The City has received an application to amend Grand Villa Hotel and Restaurant's food primary liquor licence located at 4331 Dominion Street. The applicant has requested an endorsement to allow patron participation entertainment in several of its licenced areas.

2.0 POLICY FRAMEWORK

The subject application aligns and complies with the following City policies: Regional Context Statement (2013), Official Community Plan (1998), Corporate Strategic Plan (2022), Economic Development Strategy (2007), and the May 05, 2003 Report to Council, *Processing Procedure and Criteria for Liquor Licence Applications*.

The subject application also complies with the LCRB assessment process for such applications, which requires that input from the community be sought in the vicinity of the establishment.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The subject site, zoned Comprehensive Development (CD) District, is located within the Willingdon/Canada Way Business Centre area on the northeast corner of Dominion Street and Sumner Avenue. The site is improved with the Grand Villa Casino and the Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Centre, approved under Rezoning Reference #04-38.

To the south, across Dominion Street, are the casino's parkade and offices (connected to the casino/hotel development by an overhead pedestrian walkway) and two additional office buildings. To the west, across Sumner Avenue, are industrial properties zoned M1 Manufacturing District. To the north is Highway 1 with the Willingdon Business Park and Brentwood Town Centre beyond. To the east, across Willingdon Avenue, are mid-rise office buildings.

- 3.2 Over the years, the Grand Villa Casino has been subject to several rezonings and liquor licence applications. It is noted that the property holds four separate liquor licences (two food primary and two liquor primary). The subject application requests an amendment to the food primary liquor licence for the Grand Villa Hotel and Restaurant, as described in Section 4.1 of this report.
- 3.3 The LCRB, as part of their assessment process for food primary liquor licence applications, requests that local government provide comment on applications seeking an endorsement for patron participation entertainment. LCRB regulations also state that if the local government opts to provide comment, they must gather public input for the community in the vicinity of the establishment.
- 3.4 On May 05, 2003 Council adopted recommendations for processing procedures and guidelines for liquor license applications, including that Council will continue to receive reports on applications seeking an endorsement for patron participation entertainment in food primary establishments. The LCRB was advised of these adopted recommendations.

4.0 DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The Grand Villa Hotel and Restaurant has applied to the LCRB for an amendment to its food primary liquor licence to obtain an endorsement for patron participation entertainment in four of its eight rooms licenced for liquor service. The rooms requested for patron participation entertainment include: a large ballroom and nearby boardroom on the main floor of the establishment, and two meeting/board rooms on the third floor. The main floor ballroom and nearby boardroom have person capacities of 658 and 104 persons, respectively, while the third floor meeting/board rooms have person capacities of 117.

The applicant has noted that the nature of patron participation entertainment would be primarily dancing, for example, as part of wedding and holiday celebrations. Clients of

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the Grand Villa Hotel and Restaurant could hire their own entertainment only when contracting the subject establishment's food and beverages services. Entertainment hired by clients may include bands, DJ's, and comedians.

The hours of liquor service are currently from 9:00am to 1:00am Monday to Saturday, and 9:00am to midnight on Sunday. The patron participation entertainment would be required to stop at midnight.

- 4.2 Should the proposed patron participation endorsement be supported by Council following public consultation, a Section 219 Covenant would be registered in the Land Title Office to ensure that person capacity, operating hours, and other relevant considerations are applied.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the information presented above, staff support the requested change and recommend that Council authorize staff to gather public input on the Grand Villa Casino's proposed liquor licence amendment to permit patron participation entertainment. Once this input has been gathered from the public, staff will submit a subsequent report to Council responding to the comments of nearby residents. Staff also recommend that a copy of this report be forwarded to the General Manager, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, P.O. Box 9292, Stn. Provincial Government, Victoria, BC V8W 9J8; and to James Thomson, Delta Hotels, 4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, BC, V5G 1C7.



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Attachment 1 – Sketch #1