

REQUEST FOR DECISION

TO: Council **MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2025
FROM: Ian Holl, Development Planning Manager
SUBJECT: **Liquor Licence Amendment for Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 140 at 5546 Inlet Avenue**
FILE NO: 4350-2024-02

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council has provided an opportunity for any resident to speak to the application.
 2. That Council has considered the following:
 - a. The location of the establishment;
 - b. The person capacity and hours of liquor service;
 - c. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment; and
 - d. The general impact on the community if the application is approved.
 3. That Council supports the licence amendment for the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 140 to increase the total liquor licence capacity from 60 persons to 100 persons.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is for Council to consider a referral from the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) concerning an application to increase the capacity at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 140 at 5546 Inlet Avenue.

OPTIONS

1. Do not support the application.

DISCUSSION

Legislative Context

The *BC Liquor Control and Licencing Act* and *Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation* requires a local government to gather the views of residents and consider prescribed criteria to evaluate certain types of liquor licence applications. As the approving authority for liquor licensing the LCRB must consider a local government recommendation prior to issuing or amending a prescribed class of licence.

Background

The Legion is a food and beverage establishment located in their new site at 5546 Inlet Ave. Their current liquor primary licence is for a capacity for up to 60 people. They have applied to the LCRB for an amendment to their licence to increase the liquor licence capacity to 100 people.

Table 1: Site Data	
Applicant	Kathy Wishlow, First Vice President
Establishment	Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 140
Civic Address	5546 Inlet Avenue
Zoning Designation	C4 Downtown Centre Commercial
OCP Designation	Downtown Centre
Current Licence Type	Liquor Primary with 60-person occupancy

Public and Neighbour Comments

To gather residents' views on the application, an advertisement was published in the January 17, 2025 issue of the Coast Reporter newspaper, posted to the District's social media, and notification letters were mailed to neighbours within 100 m.

As of the report deadline, no comments have been received.

Referral Comments

The application was referred to the following agencies and internal departments for comment:

Table 2: Referral Comments	
RCMP Sunshine Coast Detachment	No concerns with the application.
Sechelt Downtown Business Association	Supports the application.
Building Department	No concerns with the application.
Bylaw Enforcement	No concerns with the application.

Consideration of Prescribed Criteria

In accordance with provincial regulation the local government must consider the following criteria when considering liquor primary licence changes:

- a. The location of the establishment;
- b. The person capacity and hours of liquor service;
- c. The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment; and
- d. The general impact on the community if the application is approved.

The location of the establishment



Figure 2 – Aerial image 2021 showing surrounding area

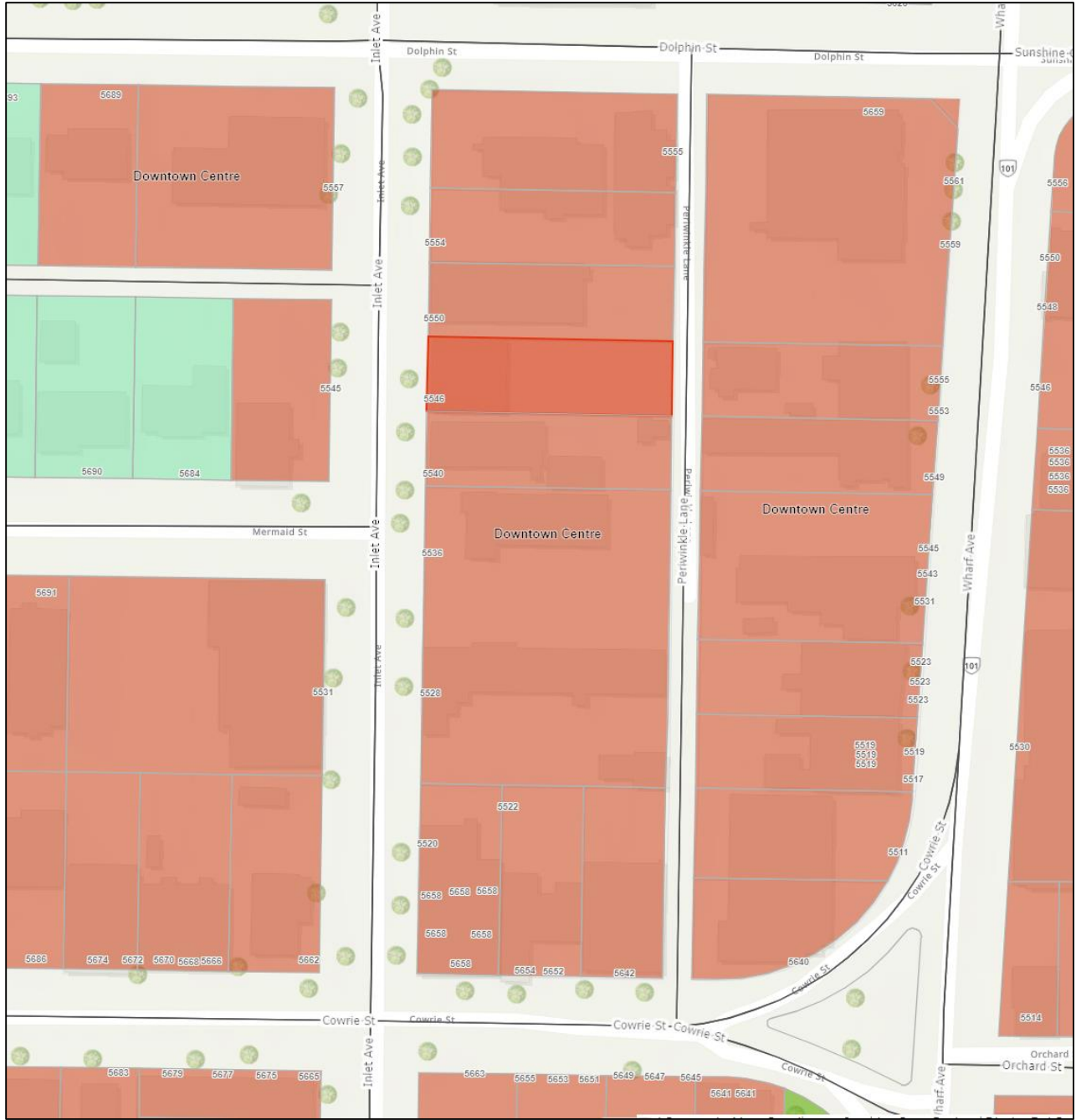


Figure 3 – Surrounding OCP designations

The Legion is located within the ‘Downtown Centre’ designation under the Official Community Plan. Zoning Bylaw No. 580, 2022 allows for ‘liquor primary establishment’ as a permitted use within the C4 zone. The proposed changes conform with the zoning bylaw.

Table 3: Adjacent Land Uses			
Direction	Zone	Designation	Actual Land Use
North	C4	Downtown Centre Commercial	Commerical
South	C4	Downtown Centre Commercial	Commerical
East	C4	Downtown Centre Commercial	Commerical
West	C4	Downtown Centre Commercial	Commerical

The person capacity and hours of liquor service

The applicant is seeking to increase the liquor licence capacity from 60 to 100 persons. Hours of liquor service comply with the District of Sechelt Business Licence Bylaw No. 520, 2012, and no changes are proposed.

The impact of noise on the community in the vicinity of the establishment

The amendment only proposes an internal increase in capacity.

Noise has not been a source of bylaw complaints, and additional impact is not expected to be an issue for this establishment in this location.

The general impact on the community if the application is approved

If the application is approved, the impact is expected to be positive, as supporting business in the downtown core works to develop a more vibrant Sechelt for residents and visitors.

POLICY AND BYLAW IMPLICATIONS

None.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This application generally supports economic sustainability by supporting local business.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This application is in line with Council’s strategic priority of “fostering a vibrant downtown core” which includes business opportunities in the downtown core.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council’s recommendation will be sent to the LCRB and included in the meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Development Planning Manager

Attachments:

1 – Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 140 Renovation and Expansion Occupancy