

Kitsilano Yacht Club Liquor Licence Application

Park Board Committee Meeting March 27, 2017





To seek Board approval for the Kitsilano Yacht Club to continue to pursue its application to the Liquor Control Board for a Liquor Primary Club Licence.



Background



- Kitsilano Yacht Club was established in 1934 and incorporated under the Societies Act in 1936;
- Serves to develop amateur yachting and boat handling skills;
- Provides recreational & competitive sailing opportunities;
- Membership is open to the public; 262 active members; annual fees;
- Current operating agreement, which includes three 5 year renewal options, can extend to May 17, 2032.

Background





- Current agreement allows club to serve alcohol;
 - must not breach any Park Board & CoV policies;
 - must comply with Liquor Control and Licensing Act;
- No noise complaints or incidents resulting in VPD or Liquor Inspector response



- Currently required to get a Special Event Permit (SEP) for each member event at considerable expense;
- Provincial regulations restrict organizations to only 2 SEP applications per month;
- Current licensing format does not permit alcohol at a majority of the club's functions during their May to October season.
- Similar organizations operate with a Liquor Primary Club Licence (Vancouver Rowing Club & Brockton Pavilion Society).

Application Process





- liquor licence application commenced Feb 1/16
- 2 public open-houses held regarding the application
- concerns expressed by surrounding neighbours addressed.



An annual liquor licence will allow Kitsilano Yacht Club to:

- Operate with less cost and easier administration;
- Provide option of liquor service for all member events during the season between the hours of 11:00am to 11:00pm;
- Continue to serve alcohol to their private members and invitees only – no service to the general public.

Recommendation



THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application by the Kitsilano Yacht Club to the Liquor Control Board to obtain a Liquor Primary Club Licence.