

**Regular Council Meeting for the purpose of Public Hearing/  
Meeting of White Rock City Council**

**Minutes**



**PRESENT:** Mayor Knight  
Councillor Chesney  
Councillor Cheung  
Councillor Klassen  
Councillor Lawrence  
Councillor Partridge  
Councillor Trevelyan

**STAFF:** Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration  
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Candice Garty, Director of Financial Services (via electronic means)  
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Rebecca Forrest, Manager, Cultural Development  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

**PUBLIC:** 21 (approximately)

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**1. CALL HEARING TO ORDER**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR PRIMARY LICENCE AT 15165 RUSSELL AVENUE (LL 22-035)**

**CIVIC ADDRESS: 15165 Russell Avenue**

**PURPOSE:** The Applicant and principals of Galaxie Craft Brewhouse Ltd. (1122 Vidal Street) have applied for a new liquor primary licence for their new premises at 15165 Russell Avenue (civic address of 1513 Johnston Road). Their proposed business, "Galaxie Public House," would operate as a craft beer taphouse and would not involve manufacturing liquor on-site. The Liquor and Cannabis

Regulation Branch (LCRB) requires a Council resolution on applications for new liquor primary licences. The proposed hours of liquor service in the application are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, and 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. from Monday to Thursday. The proposed person capacity is 123 persons (including staff).

2. **DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION READS THE PURPOSE AND A STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING**

3. **DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION ADVISES HOW THIS PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN PUBLICIZED**

- Notice was published in the April 20 and 27 editions of the Peace Arch News
- 1,346 notices were mailed to owners and occupants within 100 meters of the subject property
- A copy of the notice was placed on the public notice posting board on April 18, 2023

4. **THE CHAIRPERSON INVITES THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED BYLAW**

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the application.

The hours of operation proposed by staff (taking into consideration feedback from the public information meeting and comparisons with other breweries in the neighbourhood) were noted as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday;
- Operating hours for the outdoor patio area be limited to no later than 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday;
- that live entertainment ceases not less than one (1) hour before the end of liquor service.

5. **THE CHAIRPERSON WILL REQUEST THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION TO ADVISE OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

As of 8:30 a.m. on April 26, 2023 there have been three (3) submissions included and circulated with the agenda.

Author	Date Received	City of Residence	Status	Item #
T. Chen	April 20, 2023	White Rock	Opposed (with comments)	C-1
G. Lego	April 20, 2023	White Rock	Opposed (with comments)	C-2
J. & P. Vander	April 25, 2023	White Rock	Opposed (with comments)	C-3

**Note:** Submissions received between 8:30 a.m. on April 26, 2023 and 12:00 p.m. (noon) on May 1, 2023 will be presented "On Table" at the Public Hearing.

On Table there were nine (9) submissions received:

- Six (6) not in support;
- Two (2) in support; and,
- One (1) with comments.

6. **THE CHAIRPERSON INVITES THOSE IN ATTENDANCE TO PRESENT THEIR COMMENTS**

Mayor Knight called for those wishing to speak to the public hearing to come forward.

- M. Kawaguchi, White Rock, not in support of the application, noted concerns with the proposed hours of operation and noise for the surrounding area (lives near the proposed site).
- C. Wallis, White Rock, not in support of the application, noted concerns with increased foot traffic late at night in Bryant Park, noise from the patio and hours it will be utilized. Noise is a concern as the Bylaw department is not working these late hours. Stated the location is not a good fit given the suggested hours, closer to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue could be considered instead.

- S. Keddy, White Rock and owner of the Beer Shack and 3 Dogs Brewing, spoke in support of the application, noted they have had no complaints, no police issues since being open at the Beer Shack. Are aware this is a neighborhood and feels confident owners will be respectful of their neighbours and stated this would be a good addition to the community.
- R. Peers, White Rock, in support of the application and in support of later hours.
- P. Brinton, White Rock, not in support of the application, stated this is not needed in the area (the neighbourhood already has enough breweries) and this does not enhance the livability of the neighbourhood and conflicts with the City Centre Official Plan. Concern was noted with the proposed location and its proximity to a childcare centre.
- N. Harnett, Surrey, in support of the application, noted this will be a benefit for the community – will provide jobs and another place that people can go to connect. Supportive of small businesses and will bring people into the area.
- D. Hart, applicant, clarified to address concerns with patrons leaving late at night – the plan is to have them leave through the north side of the building (not a residential area). Have operated Galaxie Craft Brewhouse at its other location and have not had an RCMP incident to date. Believes this will be a good fit for the neighbourhood.
- B. Hado, White Rock resident and owner of White Rock Beer Company, in support of the application, noted this is a communal industry. Brewery owners in the area all work together and want to ensure things are running smoothly.
- D. Anderson, White Rock, not in support of the application, noted the area is already very dense. Concerns were noted with traffic on Sundays (market days), kids in the area, and the lack of upkeep in the area already. Stated there are too many establishments in the area are serving beer and this will not enhance residents' quality of life.
- M Stevens, White Rock, in support of the application, stating that socialization is important to rebuild civilization post-pandemic.
- M. Kawaguchi, White Rock, speaking a second time and not in support of the application, noted many in support of the application do not live in the area (will not be affected by noise).

- P. Glazier, White Rock, owner of 3 Dogs Brewing and The Beer Shack, in support of the application, noted concern with misinformation regarding the hours. The 2 a.m. closing time was proposed for special occasions only (New Years, Weddings etc.).
- P. Brinton, White Rock, speaking a second time and not in support of the application, noted concern with a fourth drinking establishment in a very small area, stated the location is not a good fit for this and is too close to the daycare and residential areas.
- C. Wallis, White Rock, speaking a second time and not in support of the application, expressed concerns with noise and noted in these circumstances it is a bylaw issue; however, bylaw staff are not working late at night to address these concerns.

At 4:53 p.m. it was determined there were no further speakers.

7. **IF REQUIRED, THE CHAIRPERSON INVITES THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSED BYLAW**

N/A

8. **CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 1, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing was concluded at 4:53 p.m.

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Mayor Knight



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration