

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: January 16, 2020

TO: **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

NAME AND TITLE: Ian Wells, General Manager of Development Services

SUBJECT: Liquor License Application No. LL100168

Applicant: Alder Hills Hold Co. Ltd.
Location: 6011 Giscome Road

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Appendix "A" Resolution for LL100168
- Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Application
- Current Liquor Primary License No. 185270

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council APPROVES the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated January 16, 2020 from the General Manager of Planning and Development titled "Liquor License Application No. LL100168."

PURPOSE:

The applicant has applied to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for a change to their existing Liquor Primary License located at 6011 Giscome Road. This application will facilitate an increase to the hours of liquor service (9:00 am to 2:00 am) at the Alder Hills Golf Course.

The LCRB is the authority for liquor licensing, and must therefore approve liquor licenses and changes to an existing license. The LCRB requires that the local government reviews the application, gathers the views of residents that will be affected by the proposal and passes a resolution on the application. Once Council reviews this application, the resolution will be forwarded to the LCRB.

Background

Site Characteristics

Location	6011 Giscome Road
Legal Description	Lot A, District Lot 1544, Cariboo District, Plan EPP82168
Current Use	Golf Course
Zoning	C9: Outdoor Recreation

Liquor License Information

Type of License	Liquor Primary License
Application Type	Extension of Hours
Current Hours of Service	Monday through Sunday: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
Proposed Hours of Service	Monday through Sunday: 9:00 am to 2:00 am

POLICY/REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch

The LCRB is the provincial authority for liquor licensing and is regulated by the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* and the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation. All liquor licenses and changes to existing licenses are approved and issued by the LCRB. The applicant has concurrently submitted an application to the LCRB for a change to the existing Liquor Primary License.

City of Prince George Liquor and Cannabis License Policy

The City of Prince George Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Policy (LCLP) establishes guidelines for the operation of licensed liquor establishments within the City. The LCLP provides guidelines on hours of liquor service, occupant load, and location of Liquor Primary Establishments. The LCLP provides direction to permit Liquor Primary Establishments. Staff have evaluated the criteria outlined in the LCLP and have considered their relevance to this application. Please see below:

Hours of Liquor Service

The LCLP guidelines suggest that Liquor Primary Licenses outside of the downtown have hours of liquor service between 9:00 am and 1:00 am. The applicant is proposing hours of liquor service between 9:00 and 2:00 am from Monday to Sunday. The LCLP provides direction that the suggested hours of operation may be increased on a case by case basis based on evaluation criteria below. Please see below Community Impacts section for an analysis of these impacts.

Occupant Load

The LCLP guidelines allow primary liquor licenses outside of the downtown to have an occupant load no greater than 125. The applicant's current Liquor Primary License was approved with an occupancy of 60 patrons. At this time, the applicant is not proposing an increase in occupancy. Should an increase in occupancy be proposed, an application to LCRB would be required and a request for a resolution from City Council would be made pursuant to the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* and Regulation.

Location of Establishment

The Alder Hills Golf Course is located at 6011 Giscome Road. The table below summarizes the surrounding land uses.

Surrounding Land Uses

North	Giscome Road
South	Vacant Lands
East	Rural Residential; Vacant lands
West	Rural Residential

The LCLP sets a minimum separation of Liquor Primary Establishments outside of the Downtown of 1.6 km. There are no Liquor Primary Establishments within 1.6 km of the subject property and, as such, this establishment meets the LCLP guidelines. Administration is supportive of this application as it is consistent with the LCLP.

Community Impacts

The proposed liquor primary license is not expected to have significant impacts on the surrounding properties. This application will allow an extension of hours for liquor service until 2:00 am. Administration has considered the following potential impacts:

Noise

Administration does not expect the extension of hours to negatively impact adjacent land uses. The subject property is approximately 26 ha providing a significant buffer from adjacent land uses. The nearest residential use is approximately 175 m from the club house on the subject property. Administration believes that noise impacts will be minimal due to the distance between the club house and rural residential uses in the area. A referral to Bylaw Services and the RCMP indicated no concerns regarding the proposed extension of hours.

Additionally, Bylaw Services has not received any complaints regarding noise from the operation of the Alder Hills Golf Course.

Parking and Traffic

The Alder Hills Golf Course is designed with an upper and lower parking area. The parking provided onsite meets the requirements of Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007. Further to this, Bylaw Services has received no complaints regarding traffic or parking concerns from the operation of the Alder Hills Golf Course.

Administration supports this application as the proposed liquor license is consistent with LCLP direction and is not expected to significantly impact the surrounding uses.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Referrals

This application was referred to internal City divisions and external agencies for comments. There are no outstanding comments or concerns with this application.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the resolution
2. Approve the resolution as amended
3. Refuse the resolution
4. Defer or otherwise deal with the resolution

Administration recommends that Council approve the resolution attached as Appendix "A".

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The applicant has applied for an extension of hours to an existing Liquor Primary License for the Alder Hills Golf Course. Administration recommends that Council approve the resolution attached as Appendix "A", and forward that resolution to the LCRB as the application is consistent with the Zoning Bylaw and the LCLP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development

PREPARED BY: Kali Holahan, Planner

APPROVED:

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2020/02/24

Report Approval Details

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Final Approval Date:	Jan 27, 2020

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Mandy Stanker - Jan 21, 2020 - 4:12 PM

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Deanna Wasnik - Jan 27, 2020 - 11:49 AM

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Ian Wells - Jan 27, 2020 - 11:58 AM

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Kathleen Soltis - Jan 27, 2020 - 12:23 PM