

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
JUNE 29, 2006

2. 1277 Robson Street - Private Liquor Store (VanRIMS No.:11 3500 10)
Development Application Number DE409877

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated June 13, 2006, in which the Director of Current Planning sought Council's advice on a development application to change the use of a portion of the ground level of an existing hotel building at 1277 Robson Street to provide for a new private Liquor Store (T7pe 1 - Wine only). The General Manager of Community Services submitted two options for consideration.

Bill Boons, Manager, Processing Centre-Development, reviewed the report.

David Ferguson, representing the Applicant, ABC Palisades Limited Partnership and John Nicholson, General Manager, Pacific Palisades, provided an overview and responded to questions. Their comments and responses included the following:

- Pacific Palisades has a vested interest in a high quality operation as they do in their 4-star hotel;
- this outlet will provide a needed amenity, retail and entertainment venue for West End residents, workers and tourists;
- outlet will have a minimal impact on traffic and loading; sufficient parking is available;
- minimum bottle returns as sales will be wine only; works with United We Can relating to disposal of empties;
- type of market being service; and
- size of store and product selection.

The following spoke in opposition to the application:

Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultants (representing Landmark Hotel)
Marina Giokas, Consultant (representing Landmark Hotel)

Speakers' comments included:

- approval could impact negatively on the Landmark application which was submitted to the City before the application before Council;
- proposed outlet is only 300 metres from another full service liquor store at Alberni and there is an outlet at Robson Market;
- area is quite congested;
- people don't want to have to go outside own community to buy liquor products; want to walk; and
- how survey information was obtained and why full service liquor store would be preferred at The Landmark Hotel.

Dave Moretto spoke in support of the application. His comments included:

- no congestion in the area;
- the Applicants are good operators; and
- Robson Square liquor store has a limited product selection.

Mr. Boons responded to questions relating to the following:

- procedures for Applicants if type of license to change;
- number of existing Liquor Retail Stores and pending applications in the area;
- impact of the application; before Council on pending applications and status of Landmark Hotel application;
- concerns relating to policy guidelines for this application;
- consultation process schedule for the Fall;
- notification process results; and
- evaluation process to determine which applications come before Council along with clarification of "distance" guidelines.

MOVED by Councillor Stephenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Director of Planning be advised that Council would not favour approval of Development Application Number DE409877 for a Private Liquor Store (Type 1 - Wine Only) at 1277 Robson Street.

LOST
(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner and Lee opposed)
(Mayor Sullivan not present for the vote)

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the Director of Planning be advised that Council would favour approval of Development Application Number DE409877 for a Private Liquor Store (Type 1 - Wine Only) at 1277 Robson Street.

LOST
(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)
(Mayor Sullivan not present for the vote)

NOTE: Vancouver City Council at its meeting following Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, due to time constraints, referred consideration of the following to Regular Council on July 11, 2006.

A THAT the Director of Planning be advised that Council would not favour approval of Development Application Number DE409877 for a Private Liquor Store (Type 1 - Wine Only) at 1277 Robson Street.

OR

B THAT the Director of Planning be advised that Council would favour approval of Development Application Number DE409877 for a Private Liquor Store (Type 1 - Wine Only) at 1277 Robson Street.