



Liquor Policy Implementation Update

Wednesday May 2, 2018
Standing Committee on City Finance and Services



Agenda

1. Liquor Policy Implementation Overview
2. Report Highlights
 1. By-law and policy changes
 2. GED Working Group
 3. GED Potential Upgrades
3. Next Steps

Implementation Overview

June 14, 2017

*Liquor Policy Review –
Recommended Actions*

38 actions for staff

May 2, 2018

*Liquor Policy
Implementation Update*

20/38 complete
8/38 Council approval
8/38 on-going
2/38 on hold

May 31, 2018

38/38 Complete



Implementation; consultation; policy
and by-law development

Implementation Update Report

Policy and by-laws

1. Liquor in grocery stores
2. Liquor licences at arts and culture businesses
3. Display drink strength on menus
4. Minor by-law amendments
 - Noise Control
 - Licence By-law
5. Procedural change to probation period for new restaurants

Liquor Stores in Grocery Stores

- Liquor advertising restricted from minors
- Design criteria



Arts and Culture

- **Business licence**
 - Serve liquor during regular business hours
- **Policy on support for LCLB liquor licences**
 - Retail art dealers and galleries
 - Community associations with arts and culture mandate



Display Drink Strength

Proposed Requirements

All liquor serving establishments to make available:

- Menu/ list of beer, wine and spirit
 - Drink size and % alcohol by volume OR
 - Standard drink size
- Make customers aware that the list is available



Granville Entertainment District



Council Direction to Act & Report Back

June 14, 2017

- GED stakeholder working group
- Last entry hour pilot
- Patios
- Delay increases in liquor seats & service hours
- Revised recommendations

February 21, 2018

- Parking, transit & trolley wires
- Dining & live music
- Transportation strategy
- Upgrades & redesign
- Communicate with GED stakeholders
- CCTV in the GED (*memo to Council, April 25*)

June 2017 Directives

- GED Safety and Security Working Group
- Last Entry Hour Pilot
- Patios
- Delay increases in liquor seats & service hours
- Revised recommendations

GED Safety & Security Working Group

Priority Actions

- Good Night Out Street Team Pilot
- Late night transit improvements (subgroup actions)
- CCTV (subgroup exploration)
- BarWatch Patron Code of Conduct



Status of GED-specific direction

Evaluated the last entry hour pilot program (LEP)

- Staff, VPD, and VCH believe the pilot has merit
- DVBIA, BarWatch and liquor establishment operators oppose the LEP

Recommendation: Forego implementation of LEP at this time

Reconsidered patios at liquor establishments

- Reviewed available crime and complaint statistics
- Reviewed existing patio regulations citywide

Recommendation: Lift the moratorium on patios at liquor establishments

Delay increases in liquor seat capacity or service hours, in absence of late night transit

- Increases are delayed

February 2018 Directives

Updates and recommendations

1. Parking, transit & trolley wires
2. Dining and live music experience
3. Capital plan upgrades and redesign
4. Transportation strategy
5. Communicate with GED stakeholders
6. CCTV in the GED (*memo to Council, April 25*)

Parking, Transit, Trolley Wires

Granville St. Design Review

- Improve pedestrian realm; start-up meeting March, 2018

Parking

- Taxi zones implemented on adjacent streets and updated from time-to-time to better meet area needs; pay station upgrades; pay-by-phone pre-pay parking service (allows pre-payment for next morning) planned for release in 2018

Transit

- Increased NightBus service in 2017 includes many GED routes, and increased bus service in 2018 provides 24 hour service on Hastings corridor
- City & TransLink completed Downtown Bus Service Review in 2015 and confirmed Granville as an important transit route.

Open Space Staging & Events

- VIVA Summer Series from 2010-2015 DVBI and Street Activities Branch partnership focused on 400-800 block; programmed events in pedestrian priority space; buses were rerouted to Seymour and Howe for events

Parking, Transit, Trolley Wires Recommendations

- Removal of trolley wires not recommended given the role of Granville St. as one of the most important transit streets in the City (& primarily trolley routes).
- Granville Design Review project will evaluate ways to improve the pedestrian realm, urban design and overall activation of the area including potential for staging and event programming space.

Dining and Live Music

- VIVA Granville Series live music events LatinCouver, Taiwan, Celtic and Busker festivals.
 - Most staged at 600-800 blocks near transit hubs
 - Linear street space and block widths make larger music events challenging
- Live music opportunities to be considered in work on
 - Special Event Policy, the Vancouver Music Strategy, and Making Space for Arts and Culture Plan, all informing the broader Creative City Strategy
- Staff reconsidered patios at liquor establishments
- Citywide patio review aims to simplify processes

Dining and Live Music Recommendations

- Allow patios at liquor establishments
- The Granville Design Review project and strategic planning initiatives such as Creative City Strategy will thoughtfully consider additional opportunities to enhance the dining and live music experiences on the street.

Capital Upgrades and Redesigns

DVBIA Partnership

- Laneway activation including Ackery's Alley
- DVBIA Perch Program: temporary bistro tables and chairs

Public Space Policy

- Places for People Public Space Strategy to include focus on increasing public life on streets such as Granville St
- Public life studies were conducted Downtown including Granville St. in 2017 and 2018 to better understand performance of key public spaces.
- The Places for People Public Space strategy will coordinate with the Granville Design Review project team

Heritage Strategy

- To be considered by Council in 2018
- Citywide policy for financial incentives to support upgrading of heritage-protected buildings, and historic area revitalization initiatives; heritage buildings on Granville St. may qualify.

Transportation Strategy

The Province is considering TNCs (ride sourcing)

- Staff presentations and submissions
 - Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations public hearing
 - Dan Hara Consultants' review of taxi industry
- Key GED stakeholders support TNC advocacy group.

Late Night Public transit

- TransLink review is underway
- Staff are meeting with TransLink
- TransLink has recently increased NightBus service

Stakeholder Engagement

- Consulted with requested GED stakeholders
- Review scope of the GED SSWG and establish mechanism for on-going engagement

Thank You

