

AGENDA ITEM NO: 11.4.4

MEETING DATE: February 21, 2023

STAFF REPORT – COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Farmhouse Brewing Co. – Change to Hours of Liquor Service Application (LLA00103) DATE: February 7, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services PREPARED BY: J Hahn

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

A Change to Hours of Liquor Service application has been received from Farmhouse Brewing Co., located at 6385 Lickman Road. The purpose of the application is to increase the number of hours for liquor service at the establishment.

The applicant is proposing to have hours of operation as follows:

- 11:00am to 10:00pm Sunday through Wednesday
- 11:00am to 11:00pm Thursday through Saturday

The current hours of operation are:

- 12:00pm to 8:00pm Monday through Thursday
- 12:00pm to 9:00pm Friday and Saturday
- Closed on Sunday

The current occupant loads of 60 for the indoor area, and 85 for the outdoor area will remain unchanged.

The application (copy attached) was referred to the City’s Development, Engineering, and Planning Departments, the Fire Department, and the Chilliwack RCMP Detachment and their comments are attached for Council’s information.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

Be it resolved that:

1. Council recommends approval of the Change to Hours of Liquor Service application, for Farmhouse Brewing Co., located at 6385 Lickman Road.

a. Potential for Noise:

“Community Standards Bylaw 2021, No. 5041” will remain in full force and effect, as amended from time to time.

b. Impact on Community:

The portion of the property subject to the application is located within the existing building and lounge area, and as such, the increased hours of operation are not anticipated to increase noise, parking or traffic to levels greater than what is currently experienced.

The RCMP and Fire Department have noted they have no issues with respect to the application.

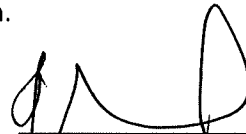
c. Primary Purpose:

The property is located within the AL (Agricultural Lowland) Zone, which permits an alcohol production facility in accordance with the Agricultural Land Commission (“ALC”) Act and Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation (the “Use Regulation”). To operate a brewery within the subject property, the requirements of Section 13 of the Use Regulation must be met. This includes the requirement that 50% of the primary food product produced each year is harvested from both the agricultural land on which the brewery is located and/or from a farm operation located in British Columbia that provides that primary farm product to the brewery under a contract having a term of at least three years. In addition, the food and beverage service lounge must not exceed 125 m² indoors and 125m² outdoors.

Based on previous reviews of the brewery by the Planning Department, it is staff’s understanding that the business is operating in conformance with the required regulations. Despite this, it is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure the business meets current ALC regulations as they relate to alcohol production facilities.

d. Views of the Residents:

The views of the residents received at the Public Information Meeting will be forwarded to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.



Jennifer Hahn,
Director of Corporate Services

**3. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S
RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:**

Supports recommendation.



Chris Crosman, CAO