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General Manager,
Liquor Cannabis and Regulation Branch

RE: Application from Bar Oso to increase the licensed capacity on the lower level of the establishment from 18 to 58 persons as an amendment to liquor primary licence no. 16278, located at 150-4222 Village Square, Whistler

At the Regular Council Meeting held on November 21, 2023 the Council passed the following resolution with respect to the application for the above liquor primary licence:

That Council approve the application for Bar Oso, located at 150-4222 Village Square in Whistler Village, to increase the licensed capacity on the lower level of the establishment from 18 to 58 persons for its Liquor Primary Licence No. 162781, having considered the criteria as required by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB), as set out in support of this application in Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 23-114; and further,

That Council authorize the letter attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 23-114 to be executed on behalf of the Resort Municipality of Whistler by its authorized representatives and sent to the LCRB in support of the Bar Oso application.

Council recommends the amendment to the Bar Oso Liquor Primary Licence No. 162781 for the following reasons:

The proposed licensing will provide for improved customer service for both visitors and residents and will not have any significant negative impacts on the resort community. The applicant has entered into a Good Neighbour Agreement and Noise Mitigation Plan with the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW).

Council has considered and approves the following supporting information:

- 1) The location of the establishment:
 - Bar Oso is located at 150-4222 Village Square in the core commercial area of Whistler Village.

- 2) The person capacity and hours of liquor service of the establishment:
 - Total capacity change for the establishment is proposed to increase from 100 to 140 persons.
 - The current hours of operation at the establishment are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday to Sunday. No changes to hours of service have been requested. The licensed hours for the establishment conform to the municipal hours of liquor service guidelines for liquor primary licences contained in *Council Policy G-17: Municipal Liquor Licensing Policy*.

- 3) The impact of noise on the community in the immediate vicinity:



- As the proposed capacity increase is on the lower basement level of the establishment it is expected to have less of an impact on late night noise or disturbances (as opposed to Village Stroll level).
- Bar Oso is subject to the provisions of the “RMOW Noise Control Bylaw No. 2362, 2022”.
The Good Neighbour Agreement that the applicant has entered into with the RMOW commits the applicant to limit noise disturbances, and to close doors and windows by 10 p.m.

4) The impact on the community if the application is approved:

- If the application is approved, the impact on the community will likely be positive by permitting Bar Oso greater flexibility in the lower level space with the service of alcohol as an added amenity when hosting family events and corporate gatherings. The proposed increase to capacity will provide additional employment opportunities, increased tax revenue for local, provincial and federal governments and will further diversify the hospitality industry in Whistler.
- Food and beverage establishments bring vitality to Whistler Village and are critical to the long-term success of the resort.

5) The Council’s comments on the views of residents are as follows:

- Council believes that residents are not opposed to the application. The method used to gather the views of residents was placement of an information sign at the front of the establishment for thirty days commencing September 8, 2023 and advertisements in the September 8 and 15, 2023 editions of *Pique Newsmagazine*, the local newspaper. No comments were received.
- The municipal Liquor Licence Advisory Committee, a select committee of municipal Council, comprising various community representatives, supported the application.

The undersigned hereby certifies the above resolution to be a true copy of the resolution passed by the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler on November 21, 2023.

Sincerely,

Corporate Officer
Resort Municipality of Whistler