

Forged Axe Throwing Ltd.

New Liquor Primary Licence Application

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Forged Axe: Liquor Primary Proposal

Proposed Hours of Operation

- ✓ 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; and
- ✓ 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday

Capacity

- ✓ 61 persons (interior)

Rationale

- ✓ To enhance indoor recreation options in the community
- ✓ Forged Axe Throwing has been issued 19 Special Event Permits from the LCRB since 2018
- ✓ The sale and consumption of liquor is to be restricted to the licensed areas only

Application Review Requirements:

- **Municipal review**

- ✓ Good standing review
- ✓ Occupant load (capacity) determination
- ✓ Public notification
- ✓ Staff review
- ✓ Liquor Licence Advisory Committee (LLAC) review/recommendation
- ✓ Policy considerations

- **Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) review**

- ✓ Impact of noise, impact on the community, views of residents
- ✓ Recommendation from Council

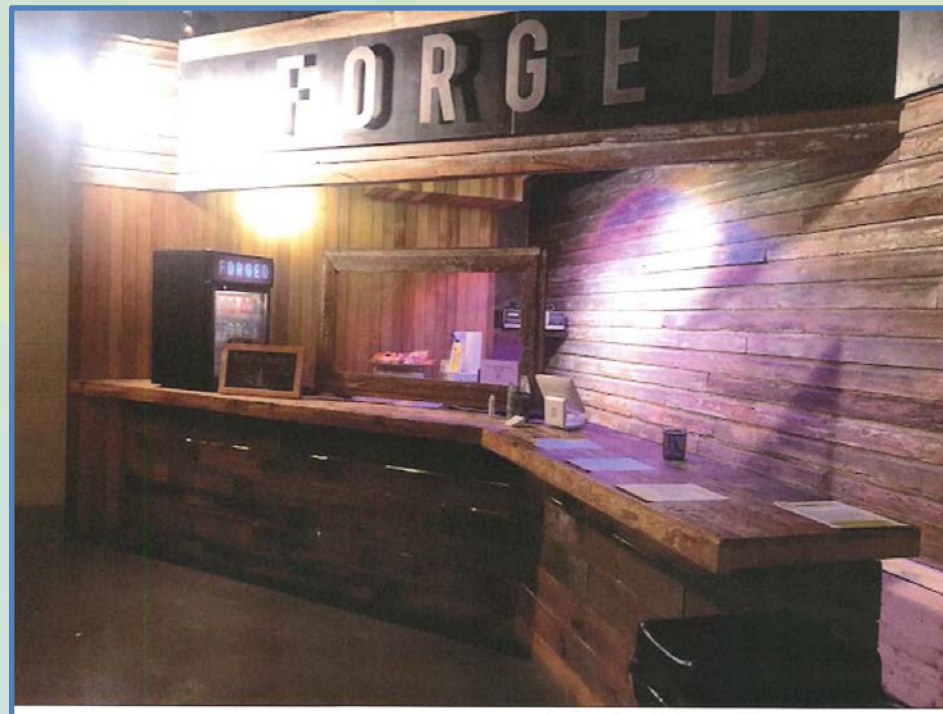
Location: Function Junction



- Subject Property

Partial Ground Floor Plan
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Interior Photos:



Design Rendering:



Proposed Safety Measures:

- ✓ Axe throwing areas to be unlicensed. Plexiglass dividers will be placed on the edge of the tables to define the licensed from the unlicensed areas. Signage will also be placed on the plexiglass stating “no liquor beyond this point”.
- ✓ No consumption of liquor products by individuals when they are participating in axe-throwing.
- ✓ Each axe throwing lane is to be separated from the other lanes by full height chain link fencing.
- ✓ Minors may only be present when accompanied by a parent/guardian until 10:00 pm.
- ✓ Number of axe throwers limited to five people per lane with a host assigned to each lane.
- ✓ Each dedicated group host will monitor the group’s alcohol consumption and safety.
- ✓ A security camera system with full coverage liquor service areas is monitored by non-host staff.
- ✓ All staff to complete the “Serving It Right” program to monitor for signs of intoxication.
- ✓ The drinks per person while customers are engaged in axe throwing activities is to be limited to three.

Municipal Review:

- **Good Standing review**
 - ✓ No compliance issues – in Good Standing
- **Floor plan review**
 - ✓ Occupant load (capacity) = 61 persons - interior
- **Public notification – newspaper ads and site sign**
 - ✓ Over 150 letters of support received
- **LLAC review and recommendation**
 - ✓ The LLAC passed a motion to support Forged Axe's liquor primary application.
 - ✓ Two comments of concern were expressed by individual LLAC members related to: overall safety and location of this establishment outside of the Village core area.

Municipal Review con't:

- **Other policy considerations**

- ✓ The new OCP supports indoor recreation uses in Function Junction that are “compatible” and “that primarily serve the needs of Whistler’s residents and businesses and do not duplicate uses...principally located in Whistler’s core” commercial areas.
- ✓ The proposal is permitted under the IS1 (Industrial Service One) Zone.

LCRB Review Criteria:

- **Location of the establishment**
 - ✓ Ground floor of existing Forged Axe throwing facility
- **Person capacity and hours of liquor service**
 - ✓ Proposed 61 persons – interior
 - ✓ 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Sunday to Thursday
 - ✓ 11:00 a.m. – Midnight Friday and Saturday
- **Potential for noise in the immediate vicinity**
 - ✓ Patron noise is not anticipated to be an issue due to mixed use area and no exterior patio(s) are proposed
- **Impact on the community if application approved**
 - ✓ Indoor recreation uses in Function Junction are compatible with the adjacent land uses
- **Comments on the views of residents**
 - ✓ 151 letters of support were received during public notification period
- **Recommendation from Council whether the liquor primary licence should be approved**
 - ✓ Resolution in support of this liquor primary application

Council Recommendation:

- **That** Council pass the resolution attached as Appendix “A” to Administrative Report 20-074 providing Council’s recommendation to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch in support of an application from Forged Axe Throwing Ltd. for a new liquor primary application to add liquor service to their existing axe throwing business with an interior occupant load of 61 persons and for hours of service from 11 am to 11 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11 am to midnight Friday and Saturday.