

Community Impact of Extended Liquor License Hours for Turtle Bay Pub

Current Hours for liquor service:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
12am	12am	1am	1am	2am	2am	12am

Requested Hours for liquor service:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2am	2am	2am	2am	2am	2am	2am

Our hours of operation are determined by multiple factors such as customer/community demand, staff availability and staff safety. Despite being licensed until 2am on Friday and Saturday, we haven't stayed open that late for years, except for special events.

The reason for this requested change to our hours is that we would like, on the odd occasion, to host special events that run until 1-2am, particularly during the summer months, and not be limited to just Friday and Saturday nights. An example of this is the Country Singer/Songwriter concert (Boots 'n' Boats) that will be back at the Turtle Bay Marina this June for their second annual show. Turtle Bay Pub would like to host the after parties for this event but would require our liquor license to be extended until 2am for the Sunday show.

Seeing that Boots 'n' Boats is anticipated to be an annual occurrence, it makes sense to change our licensed hours for good, rather than to apply for 'special event' licenses annually. It is conceivable that an event like this could happen mid-week, and we would like to be prepared for that scenario.

Staying open later than we have in previous years is highly unlikely. However, the option is nice to have.

Noise for the neighboring area should hardly be an issue. I say this because I don't recall ever getting noise complaints from the pub before. During late nights, noise is usually contained to where the action is, which is inside.

We strive to be a respectful and contributing part of the community, and any upset that our actions may cause would be taken seriously.

From: [Ruth Sulentic](#)
To: [Ariel Cawley](#); [Starla Weigel](#)
Subject: Fwd: Regarding Turtle Bay Pub
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 9:41:05 AM

Good morning. Please attach the email below to the liquor application you either received yesterday or will be receiving today.

Thanks!

Ruth

Begin forwarded message:

From: Anne Stewart [REDACTED]
Date: January 30, 2025 at 11:27:40 AM PST
To: Ruth Sulentic <rsulentic@lakecountry.bc.ca>
Subject: Regarding Turtle Bay Pub

Hello Ruth,

Ginger mentioned that you would probably be the best person for me to reach out to regarding this issue. I am one of the owners of Turtle Bay Pub here in Lake Country, and I'm wanting to make some changes to our liquor service hours. I know that before these changes can be approved by the LCLB, they go through local government. I thought it might be worth me sending along an explanation of why I want to see these changes to our hours, to help inform any decisions or concerns regarding our application.

Our current liquor service hours begin at 9am daily, and end at either midnight, 1am or 2am dependent on the day of the week. I would like to change our hours to 9am - 2am daily. This does not mean, however, that we plan on changing our actual hours of Operation. We are typically only open until 11am or midnight. Trends have changed in recent years, seeing lower alcohol consumption as well as a decline in late-night traffic. The only reason we want to have the option to stay open until 2am daily is for the odd special event that we might have. We have opportunities from time to time to host music events, fundraisers or just events for certain holidays (Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, etc) where there may be benefit to being licensed later into the evening. There is an event coming up in June, Boots 'n' Boats, where this is the case.

Boots 'n' Boats is a 3-day singer songwriter festival that kicked off last year at the Turtle Bay Marina. Turtle Bay Pub hosted the after party for the event, on the last day. This year, there will be an after party each day of the concert, and the after party is expected to go until 2am. Currently, on one of those days (Sunday) we are only licensed until midnight, so we will need to apply for either a special event license (\$330 application fee) which would cover us for this one time event, or we could apply to change our hours permanently (also \$330 application fee) and that would cover us for all future events. Since Boots 'n' Boats plans to be an annual

event, we would appreciate not having to fill out and pay for an application annually. We would also welcome the opportunity to host other late night events should the opportunity arise. We are already licensed to be open until 2am on Friday and Saturday which is when most events would be held, but again, the option would be nice to have.

I reiterate that we have no intention of changing our hours of operation. I can't say that we will never change our hours, because who knows that the future holds. I will say, however, that it is of utmost importance to the ownership and management of Turtle Bay Pub to be a respectful, considerate and contributing neighbor and member of this community, and those values always help guide business decisions.

I will now move forward with submitting my application, and I hope this email just serves as a bit of insight into our intentions. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue.

Thank you, Ruth. Have a wonderful rest of you day,
Anne Stewart

