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**Re: Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre (Liquor Primary #110162)
6066 Thunderbird Blvd.
Application for structural change and hours change**

Dear Mr. Smailes,

This is in response to your application for a structural change and change to hours of liquor service for liquor primary (LP) licence #110162.

The proposed structural change would expand the currently licensed lounge and patio area to include two arenas and a new patio area, with a total occupant load of approximately 8,772 persons.

The licensee has asked that the liquor primary be licensed as a stadium, to be used during sporting events, concerts, trade shows, as well as a venue for Olympic/Paralympic events.

The current operating hours are 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM Monday to Saturday, and 11:00 AM to midnight on Sunday. The licensee has applied to change the hours to 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM Monday to Saturday, and 11:00 AM to midnight on Sunday.

Due to the nature of the applications, a local government resolution was required. Metro Vancouver has submitted their resolution dated August 5, 2009.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my decision in regards to the proposed licence changes, the rationale for my decision, and the next step in the licensing process.

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Analysis and Decision

In assessing the applications, I have reviewed the application packages, local government's resolution, the results of the public input process, and comments from the liquor inspector and local enforcement authorities.

Local government resolution

I have reviewed the resolution passed by Metro Vancouver's Board of Directors (the Board) at their meeting on July 31, 2009. The resolution meets all necessary criteria set out in Section 53 of the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation.

The Board recommended that the applications be approved with the following terms:

- hours of operation of 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM Monday to Saturday, with no change to proposed hours on Sunday
- patio hours of 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily, with no use permitted after 10:00.
- unlicensed seats in Arena A increase from the proposed 150 seats to approximately 300 seats
- licence changes be approved on a probationary basis until the RCMP is satisfied that the venue is being managed according to policies.
- UBC amend its event policy and guidelines to address safety and control, especially management practices to address noise; UBC work with the RCMP to assess management practices in relation to the revised policies; and the Vancouver Police report on their activities at the venue during the probationary period.

The Board's recommendations are discussed further below.

Public Comments

As part of the local government's public input process, the licensee posted two site signs on May 2, 2009. A newspaper advertisement was placed in the Vancouver Courier on May 22 and May 27, 2009. Notice of a public meeting was mailed to more than 1,000 households in the areas adjacent to the venue in the week prior to the meeting. The meeting notice was also posted on the electronic newsletter of the University Neighbourhood Association, and provided to the University Endowment Lands and Alma Mater Society for distribution.

Approximately 25 people attended the public meeting on June 2, 2009, including students, faculty, staff and nearby residents. The Metro Vancouver staff report notes that several people in attendance expressed concerns about late-night noise along Wesbrook Boulevard, and felt extending hours would exacerbate the situation. There was also concern about the size and location of non-alcohol seats. I understand that these concerns were raised during the open forum discussion at the meeting. Of the eight people who actually presented at the meeting, seven supported the application. One speaker opposed, raising concerns about increased noise, safety and unruliness in

