
CITY OF KELOWNA
MEMORANDUM

Date: February 27, 2002
File No.: 4320-50
To: City Manager
From: Director of Planning and Development Services
Subject: Transfer of Liquor License Request-274 Lawrence Ave.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation that Council not forward a letter of support to the General Manager of the Liquor Licensing Branch for the requested transfer of license at this time.

BACKGROUND:

Mayor and Council received two letters dated February 15, 2002 and February 25, 2002 from Mr. David Habib and Mr. Sammy Habib respectively, requesting a letter of support from the City of Kelowna regarding the transfer of Liquor License from the Snooty Fox Nite Club at 540 Leon Avenue, to The Voodoo Lounge and Area 51 Nite Clubs at 274 Lawrence Avenue. Staff had indicated to Mr. David Habib in the past that it is Council Policy (# 255) to deal with these matters through an application made in writing to the Director of Planning. Staff had also made it clear that City Staff would not support another Cabaret license in this area of the City of Kelowna due to the proximity of the other Cabaret's and their negative impact on neighbouring businesses. The RCMP has also expressed the same concerns historically and they were reiterated during the public meeting on the Lazarium Cabaret request. The RCMP have once again expressed those concerns in response to the above mentioned letters and also do not recommend that Council send a letter of support.

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Director of Planning and Development Services

cc: Superintendent D. Harrison, RCMP