Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please see a note from Kaye Krishna below regarding the liquor report follow-up.

Best

Sadhu

Thank you for your deliberation and broad support of staff’s proposed liquor policy updates. We acknowledge the complexity of this file and the diverse stakeholder opinions surrounding it. We aimed to strike a balanced approach to our recommendations and look forward to seeing the positive impacts from the various policy and process changes as we move forward with implementation.

On that note, we would like to propose a slightly modified implementation approach to the GED ‘Last Entry’ pilot, following the large degree of feedback from speakers, as well as some of the expressed concern from Council. We propose that we delay the start of the program from the previously proposed July 1st start, and instead first convene the working group to jointly develop an implementation plan and start date. We believe the success of the pilot will be built on the collective participation of the GED stakeholders and we want to put in place an implementation plan that they can support.

We still expect to launch the pilot in the coming months and will provide a start date once we confirm the specific plan with the working group. We will launch the working group in the next two weeks and we will meet throughout the pilot period to review and discuss the status of the initiative. If we collectively find that the pilot is not achieving the desired effect and/or appears to result in unintended consequences, we will report back to Council earlier than the 6 month pilot commitment.

Please let me or Paul know if you have questions or would like to discuss this revised approach.

Kaye

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