

After years of discussion with management of the liquor store on 20th Street, the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board (RBID) still finds the 20th Street liquor retail outlet the nexus of numerous problems – intimidation, drug dealing and violence.

At its December 9th, 2015 meeting, the RBID passed the following three motions:

Motion: The Riversdale Business Improvement District announce it is opposed to any retail liquor sales at the current SLGA Riversdale Liquor Store located at 401 20th Street West.

Vote: Unanimous; Passed

Motion: The Riversdale Business Improvement District will endorse no retail sale of liquor on 20th Street West except where it has been produced on site. Micro breweries and Micro Distillers may sell product that was made on site.

Vote: Yea 6, Nay 1; Passed

As well, the RBID Board ***unanimously passed*** a resolution instructing the Executive Director to complete seven action steps, summarized as follows:

1. Send a letter to City Council advising it of the desire of the RBID to see the 20th Street West store ***closed permanently***;
2. Send a letter to the SLGA to the same point;
3. Advise the commercial leasing agents active in Riversdale explaining the BID's position to seek the permanent closure of the 20th Street West store (which you are now reading) ;
4. Send a letter to the owner of the building, 1124746 Alberta Inc., to the same effect;
5. Seek the agreement of the Riversdale Community Association (which has been done) to these resolutions.
6. Put a clear statement of the resolutions and reasons for them on the RBID website;
7. Send a letter explaining the above-stated resolutions to all MLAs.

Please do not make the mistake of interpreting these resolutions as opposition to the plan to privatize retail liquor outlets. The RBID has no position on privatization, nor any position on a possible retail outlet in The Banks project, or otherwise near, or in the Saskatoon Farmers' Market, whether government or privately managed.