

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.7

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2024

STAFF REPORT – COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Consumption of Liquor in City Parks DATE: February 29, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Parks PREPARED BY: Joe Koczur

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

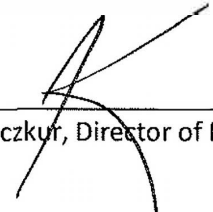
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Staff have prepared a bylaw for Council's consideration, to implement a permanent, seasonal time period, to allow the consumption of liquor in City Parks.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that "Consumption of Liquor in City Parks Bylaw 2024, No 5382", to permit the consumption of alcohol, on an annual seasonal basis at Vedder Park, located at 45450 Petawawa Road, identified in schedule "A", as contained within the staff report dated February 29, 2024 be given first and second reading.

Recommendation that "Consumption of Liquor in City Parks Bylaw 2024, No 5382", to permit the consumption of alcohol, on an annual seasonal basis at Vedder Park, located at 45450 Petawawa Road, identified in schedule "A", as contained within the staff report dated February 29, 2024 be given third reading.



Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks

3. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:

Supports recommendation.



David Blain, CAO

**STAFF REPORT ON
CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN CITY PARKS**

PREPARED BY: Joe Koczur DATE: February 29, 2024

POSITION: Director of Public Works and Parks DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Parks

1. DEFINITION OF ISSUE:

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2. Consultation:

The concept of allowing the consumption of liquor on a permanent, seasonal basis at Vedder Park, located at 45450 Petawawa Road, was referred to the following:

RCMP

The Management Team at the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment have no concerns with allowing the consumption of liquor in Vedder Park on an annual, seasonal basis.

Operations

The Operations Department have no concerns with allowing the consumption of liquor in Vedder Park on an annual, seasonal basis.

Recreation and Culture

The Recreation and Culture Department have no concerns with allowing the consumption of liquor in Vedder Park on an annual, seasonal basis.

Bylaw Enforcement

The Bylaw Enforcement Department have no concerns with allowing the consumption of liquor in Vedder Park on an annual, seasonal basis.

Planning

The Planning Department have no land use concerns with allowing the consumption of liquor in Vedder Park on an annual, seasonal basis.

Fire Department

The Fire Department have no concerns with allowing the consumption of liquor in Vedder Park on an annual, seasonal basis.

3. RECOMMENDATION & SUBSTANTIATION:

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SCHEDULE "A"
VEDDER PARK – 45450 PETAWAWA ROAD



City of Chilliwack

Bylaw No. 5382

A bylaw to permit Consumption of Liquor in City Parks

The Council of the City of Chilliwack in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known and may be cited for all purposes as the “**Consumption of Liquor in City Parks Bylaw 2024, No. 5382**”.
2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to permit the consumption of liquor in City Parks.

DEFINITIONS

3. In this bylaw:

“Act” means the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, as amended;

“City” means the City of Chilliwack;

“City Park” means a public park that is located in the City and which is either owned or controlled by the City;

“Director” means those persons appointed as Director of Operations of the City or their designate;

“Liquor” means, subject to the *Liquor Control and Licensing Regulations*, beer, wine, spirits or other product that is intended for human consumption and that contain more than 1% of alcohol by volume;

“Peace Officer” means an officer as defined in the *Police Act* or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who is deemed to be a provincial constable under the *Police Act*;

“Permitted Spaces” means a City Park or part of a City Park that has been designated by Council by this Bylaw as a place where Liquor may be consumed, but does not include a building, structure, vehicle or other installation within the Public Place unless this has been specifically designated by Council in this Bylaw;

“Sign” means any visual representation or attention-drawing device which communicates information or advertising for any purpose

DESIGNATION OF PERMITTED SPACES AND HOURS

4. The City Parks or parts thereof outlined in the thick red line in Schedule “A”, attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, are hereby designated as Permitted Spaces where the consumption of liquor is permitted.

5. The boundary of designated Permitted Spaces will be identified by a fence or other physical markers or barriers.
6. The hours that Liquor may be consumed in the City Parks are from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm, seven days a week.
7. Liquor may not be consumed in parts of Public Places that are outside of the boundaries of the Permitted Spaces identified by signs posted in accordance with this Bylaw.
8. Signs posted will contain reminders of the legal drinking age; no drinking and driving; and, no glass containers allowed in the Permitted Spaces.

REQUIRED SIGNAGE

9. The Director must post Signs setting out the boundaries of each Permitted Space and the hours during which Liquor may be consumed in the Permitted Space in accordance with this Bylaw.
10. Signs posted in Permitted Spaces designated where Liquor may be consumed must:
 - (1) Be a consistent size of 18 inches by 24 inches;
 - (2) Have a minimum of two Signs to designate the boundaries of the Permitted Spaces;
 - (3) State the hours Liquor may be consumed in the Permitted Spaces;
 - (4) Include the minimum legal drinking age and a reminder of no drinking and driving; and,
 - (5) Be posted on posts or affixed to other items forming the boundary of the Permitted Spaces as contained with this Bylaw.

OFFENCES AND ENFORCEMENT

11. Offences set out in the *Liquor Control and Licencing Act* will apply to persons in violation of this Bylaw.
12. Every person who violates any provision of this Bylaw, or who allows or permits any act or thing to be done in violation of any provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw.
13. Enforcement of this Bylaw will be dealt with by a Peace Officer, in accordance with the *Liquor Control and Licencing Act*.

SEVERABILITY

14. If any portion of this Bylaw is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall be deemed to have been adopted without the severed portion.

EXPIRY

- 15. Due to this being in effect for a seasonal time period this Bylaw will be in force and effect from May 15 to October 31 of each calendar year.

Received first and second reading on the

Received third reading on the

Received adoption on the

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE “A”
VEDDER PARK – 45450 PETAWAWA ROAD

