

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.7

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2023

**STAFF REPORT - COVER SHEET**

SUBJECT: Consumption of Liquor in City Parks DATE: March 24, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services PREPARED BY: Jacqueline Morgan

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**1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

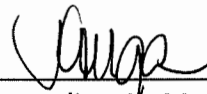
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Staff have prepared a bylaw for Council's consideration, to implement a seasonal time period, to allow the consumption of liquor in city parks.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation that "Consumption of Liquor in City Parks Bylaw 2023, No. 5299", to permit the consumption of alcohol at Vedder Park, located at 45450 Petawawa Road, identified in Schedule "A", as contained within the staff report dated March 24, 2023" be given first and second reading.

Recommendation that "Consumption of Liquor in City Parks Bylaw 2023, No. 5299", to permit the consumption of alcohol at Vedder Park, located at 45450 Petawawa Road, identified in Schedule "A", as contained within the staff report dated March 24, 2023" be given third reading.



Jacqueline A. Morgan, CMC  
Corporate Officer

**3. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S  
RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:**

Supports recommendation.



Chris Crosman, CAO

## STAFF REPORT

### CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN CITY PARKS

PREPARED BY: Jacqueline Morgan DATE: April 11, 2023

POSITION: Corporate Officer DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services

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#### 1. DEFINITION OF ISSUE:

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#### 2. CONSULTATION:

The concept of reintroducing the proposal of allowing the consumption of liquor at Vedder Park, located at 45450 Petawawa Road, was referred for comment to the following:

##### RCMP

The Upper Fraser Valley Regional RCMP detachment commented they did not receive any calls for service or issues/complaints from the 2022-time duration for liquor consumption in Vedder Park.

They have no concerns provided the following is adhered to:

- (a) no glass containers
- (b) signage that has defined boundaries, reminders of the legal drinking age and no drinking and driving
- (c) defined hours liquor is allowed

##### OPERATIONS

The Operations Department commented there were no issues or negative comments for the 2022 season.

In addition, previous patrols revealed the consumption of liquor at the locations did not create additional security issues, as such, staff do not plan to add on patrols unless they are deemed necessary.

Anticipated Costs for Vedder Park for 2023 are:

Signage: \$ 300.00 Installation of signs saved from 2022

Picnic Tables: \$ 0.00 already in place for general use

##### RECREATION AND CULTURE

The Recreation and Culture Department commented that there wasn't much of an increase in washroom supplies and minimal vandalism.

**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

The Bylaw Enforcement Department state they have no concerns due to there being no complaints or infractions observed during their patrols during the previous projects.

**PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DEPARTMENT**

The Planning and Strategic Initiatives Department have commented there are no land use concerns.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department states they do not have any concerns regarding the proposal.

**FINANCE**

This initiative is largely a legislative change not resulting in any direct costs, other than some incidental costs (installation of signage, garbage and recycling receptacles etc.), which are indicated above.

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**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**VEDDER PARK - 45450 PETAWAWA ROAD**

