



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: **Pilot Program, Consumption of Liquor in Parks  
and Public Facilities**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the pilot program for the consumption of liquor in selected parks and facilities for every Friday and Saturday from 1:00pm to 8:00pm for the period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.
2. THAT Council approve \$22,000.00 from the Enterprise Fund to cover the additional resources required to support the pilot program for the consumption of liquor in selected parks and facilities.

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to introduce the pilot program for permitting consumption of liquor in selected parks and public facilities in the City.

## POLICY:

Not applicable.

## COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of municipalities in Metro Vancouver have introduced a bylaw that permits consumption of liquor in selected parks in their municipality, with varying degrees of limitation and duration, to provide positive leisure activities and to foster community spirit and connection.

The Cities of Port Coquitlam and North Vancouver launched similar projects in 2020 and the feedback from these communities has been positive and received overall approval. Both communities identified that onsite amenities such as washrooms, picnic tables and/or shelters, signage identifying the designated area and times when liquor can be consumed within the space are essential to ensure the success of the program. Furthermore, the sites should be routinely inspected by City staff to ensure responsible drinking by the public. There were areas of concern raised which were specific to garbage, lack of recycling receptacles, and noise. The Cities of Delta and Chilliwack have recently implemented similar programs.

For Langley City, it is proposed that a pilot program be introduced to permit liquor consumption in selected parks and public facilities. The pilot program will run from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, every Friday and Saturday only, from 1:00pm to 8:00pm. The selected sites include (see Attachment 1):

- McBurney Plaza;
- Selected area in Douglas Park; and
- Picnic shelters at City Park.

The City will provide additional resources for bylaw enforcement, security guards, collection of garbage, recycling, organic waste, litter pickup, portable toilets, and signage to support the pilot program. Signage will be posted at the main entrance points within each site to inform the public of the area(s) that are permitted for liquor consumption and area(s) that are alcohol free. An on-line survey will be launched during the pilot program to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the pilot program.

The proposed Consumption of Liquor in Parks and Public Facilities Bylaw, 2021, No. 3172 establishes clear guidelines and rules with respect to responsible consumption of liquor in selected parks and public facilities. The proposed bylaw will come into effect on July 1, 2021 and it will be automatically repealed on September 30, 2021.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The estimated budget for the additional resources (e.g. bylaw enforcement, security services, collection of garbage, recycling, organic waste, litter pickup, portable toilets, and signage) to support the pilot program is \$21,000.00.

• Portable Toilets	\$ 4,500.00
• Garbage/Recycling/Organic Waste Collection and Litter Pickup	\$ 4,500.00
• Security Services	\$ 12,000.00
• Signage	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>

An allocation of \$22,000.00 from the Enterprise Fund is requested to cover these costs.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None provided.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Attachments:**

1. Maps of selected parks and facilities permitted for liquor consumption