

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-03-10

From: Louise Hinton, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officer

File No: 4300-21-2020-01

Subject: Temporary changes to liquor licensing at Sasquatch Inn, Electoral Area C

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the application received February 12, 2020 for temporary changes to the liquor licence for the Sasquatch Inn Ltd (46001 Lougheed Highway, Electoral Area C) with the following comments:

The Board has no objection to the planned events and requested changes to the Liquor Licence, subject to the following items being addressed:

1. Temporary provisions for vehicular parking to ensure the requirements identified in the current local *Zoning* for the property are being followed (one parking spot per three seats provided for patron use), as outlined in the *Zoning Bylaw No. 100, 1979* for Electoral Area C.
2. Temporary provisions for the existing facilities will be adequate for the proposed increased occupant loads pursuant to the Provincial Sewerage Regulation.

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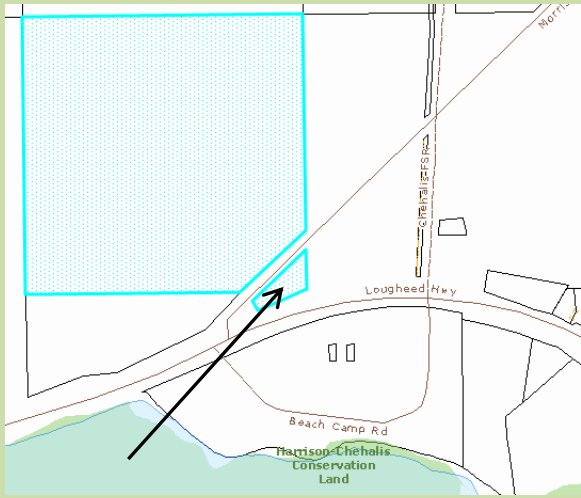
PRIORITIES


Priority #4 Tourism

BACKGROUND

The Sasquatch Inn Ltd. is a family-run hotel and restaurant dating back to the 1950s located at 46001 Lougheed Hwy. in the heart of Harrison Mills BC, Electoral Area C. The Sasquatch Inn has submitted an application to the Province for temporary changes to the existing liquor licence to allow for the increased occupant loads and extension of the licenced areas during five (5) special events they plan to host between May and September of 2020.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address: 46001 Lougheed Highway		
	Owner	Sasquatch Inn Ltd.
	Agent	Nancy Maclean
	EA	Electoral Area "C"
	Zoning	C-2 (Highway Commercial)
	OCP	HC (Highway Commercial)
Comments:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property is not located within the ALR. 		

NEIGHBOURING LANDS		
<p>North: Institutional Use/Morris Valley Road and Chehalis Forest Service Road</p> <p>South:</p>		<p>Potential Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially increased noise affecting neighbouring property. Potentially inadequate parking for temporary increased occupant load.
<p>West: Institutional Use</p>		
<p>East: Local Commercial/Residential and Recreational Assembly Use</p>		
<p>South: Lougheed Hwy/Rural/Institutional Use</p>		

DISCUSSION

The application from the Sasquatch Inn that was submitted to the BC Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for temporary changes to the Sasquatch Inn's existing liquor licence has been provided to the Regional District for review and endorsement.

The temporary changes to the restaurant's existing liquor licence are to allow for the increased occupant loads and extension of the licence so that they can host the following five (5) special events in 2020:

Event	Date	Event Purpose
Wine Education, Tasting & Food Pairing	Friday May 22, 2020 6:00pm – 10:00pm	Community Event
Jim Maclean Memorial Golf Tournament (Annual)	Saturday, June 13, 2020 4:30pm – 11:00pm	Fundraiser for Heart & Stroke Foundation
Brewmasters Dinner	Friday June 26, 2020 6:00pm – 10:00pm	Community Event
Sasquatch Inn Motorcycle Show and Shine (Annual)	Sunday, July 26, 2020 12:00pm – 5:00pm	Fundraiser for Zajac Ranch
Wespac Electrical Dinner	Saturday September 12, 2020 3:30pm – 8:00pm	Private Event

The Regional District provides a review and endorsement of the proposed expansions to the current licence for the applicant, and no further Fraser Valley Regional District approvals, permits, or licences are required for the planned events.

The Sasquatch Inn has held special events in years past under a similar expanded liquor licence area subject to similar comments outlined in the recommendation above. These previous events have never resulted in any complaints from the community.

COST

Not applicable. There are no fees collected or costs to review liquor licencing branch application requests other than a small amount of staff time.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board endorse the current application for the increased occupant loads and temporary extension of the licensed area as has been done previously for the Sasquatch Inn at 46001 Lougheed Hwy, Electoral Area "C".

COMMENTS BY:

Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development Reviewed and supported

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services No further financial comments.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.