

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-05-12

From: Louise Hinton, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officer

File No: 4300-21-2020-02

Subject: Temporary changes to liquor licensing at Sasquatch Inn, Electoral Area C (Second Request)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the application received March 4, 2020 for temporary changes to the liquor licence for the Sasquatch Inn (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. Special Events are only held in accordance with Provincial Health Ministerial Order Mo82 banning mass gatherings of 50 and any other public health orders for COVID-19;
2. 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.
3. Temporary provision for the existing facilities will be adequate for the proposed increased occupant loads pursuant to the Provincial Sewage Regulation.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Foster a Strong & Diverse Economy
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community
Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

PRIORITIES

Priority #4 Tourism

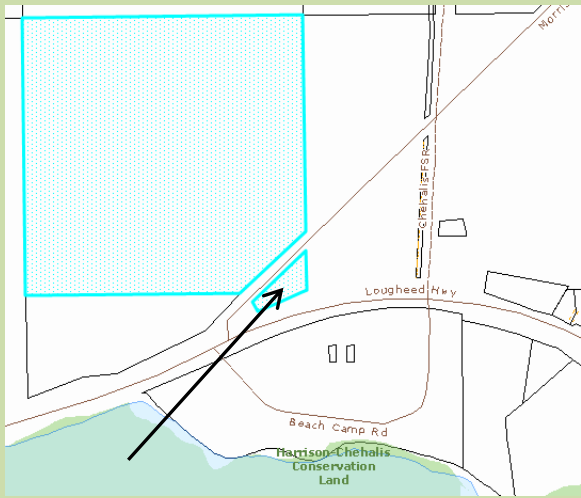
BACKGROUND


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 an additional four (4) special events they plan to host between July and October of 2020. These four (4) events are in addition to the five (5) special events that were previously reviewed and approved at the

committee in March, subject to provisions. The request to hold a wedding was received by the applicant after the March application was already submitted to the FVRD.

This secondary application was submitted to the FVRD for review prior to the enactment of Provincial Health Department Ministerial Order Mo82 banning mass gatherings of 50 people in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

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 application was received for review prior to the enactment of the Provincial Ministerial Health Department Order Mo82 banning mass gatherings of 50 people.

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 are able to host the following four (4) additional special events in 2020 in accordance with Health Department Regulations:

Event	Date	Event Purpose
Craft Night	Friday, July 10, 2020 6:00pm – 10:00pm	Community Event
Wilson / Fenton Wedding	,Saturday, July 25, 2020 12:00pm – 11:00pm	Private Event
Craft Night	Friday, September 25, 2020 6:00pm – 10:00pm	Community Event
Craft Night	Friday, October 16, 2020 6:00pm – 10:00pm	Community 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 previously applied for and has held special events under a similar expanded liquor licence area subject to similar comments outlined in the recommendation above, including the five (5) previously applied for in March of 2020. These previous events have never resulted in any complaints from the community.

The [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) strongly discourages all in-person gatherings of any size. Gatherings larger than 50 people, whether they are indoors or outdoors, are prohibited by order of the Provincial Health Officer (see attached Ministerial Order Mo82 - attached) and are subject to penalties under the BC [Public Health Act](#).

Regional District staff has recommended that the applicant re-schedule any of the above events that are affected by the public health order, to occur when the COVID-19 pandemic has passed. Preliminary discussions with the applicant are that they are in full agreement to comply with all health orders at this time; however, they want to follow through with the preliminary paperwork in the case that the Health Department restrictions are lifted later in the calendar year.

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" subject to all the above outlined provisions, specifically that they will abide by all Public Health Orders regarding mass gatherings.

COMMENTS BY:

Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development	Reviewed and supported.
Kristy Hodson, Acting Director of Finance	Reviewed and supported.
Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer	Reviewed and supported.