

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2024-04-11

From: Louise Hinton, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officer

File No: 4300-21-2024-01

Subject: 2024 - Temporary change to Liquor Licensing at Sasquatch Inn, Electoral Area C

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the application received March 14, 2024 for a temporary change to the liquor license for the Sasquatch Inn Ltd (46001 Lougheed Highway, Electoral Area C) with the following comments:

The Board has no objection to the planned event and requested change 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 *Zoning* for the property are being followed (one parking spot per three seats provided for patron use), as outlined in the *Zoning Bylaw No. 1638, 2021*.
2. Temporary provisions for the existing facilities will be adequate for the proposed increased occupant load pursuant to the Provincial Sewerage Regulation.
3. Special Events are only held in accordance with any Provincial Health Department Orders and Guidelines.

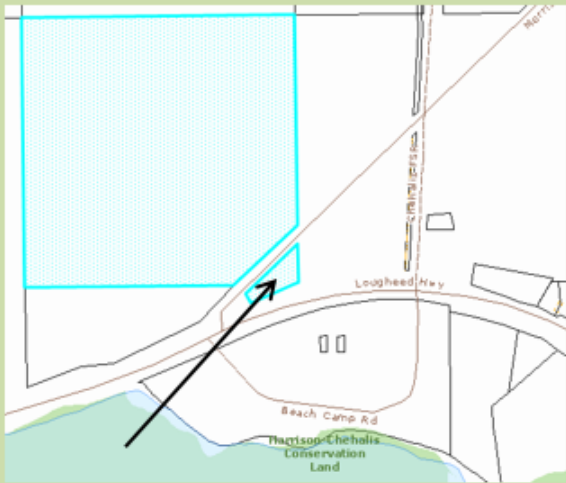
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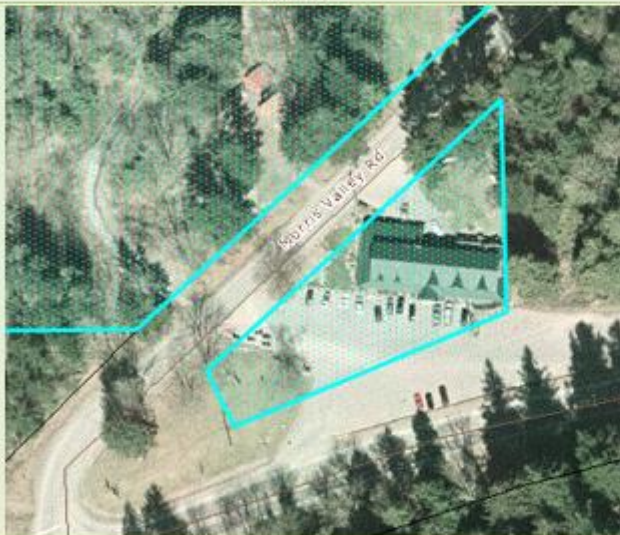
The Sasquatch Inn Ltd. is a family operated hotel and restaurant dating back to the 1950s located at 46001 Lougheed Hwy in the heart of Harrison Mills, Electoral Area C. The Sasquatch Inn has submitted an application to the Province for a temporary change to their existing liquor license to allow for the increased occupant load and extension of the licensed areas during a special event – a Charity Golf tournament on June 8, 2024.

The Sasquatch Inn's existing Liquor License includes the additional 3300 square feet of patio space that was included in their expanded patio approval under the BC Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch's (LCRB) Temporary Expanded Service Area Authorization Program in

2020. A subsequent approval was received in 2023 from the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to make the temporary expansion permanent.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address: 46001 Lougheed Highway	
	<b>Owner</b> Sasquatch Inn Ltd.
	<b>Agent</b> Nancy Maclean
	<b>EA</b> Electoral Area "C"
	<b>Zoning</b> HC-1 (Highway Commercial)
	<b>OCP</b> HC (Highway Commercial)
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Property is not located within the ALR.</li></ul>	

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

## DISCUSSION

The application from the Sasquatch Inn submitted through the BC Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for a temporary change to the existing liquor licence has been provided to the Regional District for review and endorsement.

The temporary change **to the restaurant's existing liquor licence to allow for the increased** occupant load of 100 people in the gravel area behind the pub and extension of the licence is so that they are able to the host a charity golf tournament on June 8, 2024:

Event	Date	Event Purpose
25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Jim & Dorothy Maclean Memorial Golf Tournament	Saturday June 8, 2024 4:00pm – 11:00pm	Fundraiser for Heart & Stroke Foundation

The Regional District provides a review and endorsement of the proposed expansion to the current licence for the applicant and no further Fraser Valley Regional District approvals, permits, or licences are required for the planned event. The above event will be held during normal business hours adjacent to regular business operations.

The Sasquatch Inn has held many special events over many years 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

There are no fees collected or costs to review liquor licencing branch application requests other than a small amount of staff time.

## CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that the Board endorse the current application for the increased occupant load and temporary extension of the licensed area as has been permitted in past years for the Sasquatch Inn at 46001 Lougheed Hwy, Electoral Area "C".

COMMENTS BY:

Bill Ozeroff, Manager of Inspection Services: reviewed and supported

Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development: reviewed and supported

Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Corporate Services/CFO: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.