



Nov 18, 2024

Via Email

Fraser Valley Regional District
Attn: Planning Department
45950 Cheam Ave #1
Chilliwack BC V2P 1N6

Re: LCRB Letter of Intent – Chestnut Springs Cidery Proposed Lounge and Lounge Patio
Address: 1331 Janovick Road, Columbia Valley BC

Background

Chestnut Springs has made application to the Liquor Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for a Lounge endorsement on their existing manufacturing license. The lounge area is proposed to be located at 1331 Janovick Road. The intent of this area is to be a space where guest can enjoy a glass of cider on site. Currently the LCRB limits sizes and purchases within the tasting room to 75ml / 2.5oz tasting size per person per day. If the licensee wishes to sell a full glass, then they are required to have a lounge endorsement on their license.

Chestnut Spring Cidery is a working apple orchard specializing in small batch cidery. The 40 acres of land have a restored farmhouse on the property and the site is a perfect backdrop for rustic weddings and events. Chestnut Springs was approved for an event license by the LCRB in early 2024.

Chestnut Springs invites you to review their website here: <https://chestnutsprings.ca/farm-cidery/>

Hours of Operation

The applicant is seeking hours of operation of noon to 10pm everyday.

Site Layout & Proposed Service Area

The proposed lounge is located within the existing tasting and retail space on the property. There is an outdoors patio located directly adjacent to the indoor area.

Entertainment

The applicant does not wish to provided entertainment within this area. No live bands are proposed. There may be background music from time to time. The intent of applying for the lounge is to allow guests to purchase product by the glass and not be limited to the tasting sizes as prescribed by the LCRB.

Proposed Capacity

The applicant is seeking an indoor capacity of 36 persons and an outdoor patio capacity of 56 persons. This includes both staff and guests within the service area.

Food Services

There is an on-site food truck that will offer wood fired pizzas which is accompanied by various seasonal sides and deserts. You can review the menu on the [Chestnut Springs website here](#).

Composition of Neighbourhood

The site is located on the Agricultural Land Reserve that is governed by the Agricultural Land Commission. The 40-acre farm is a working apple orchard, residence for the licensee and is the home of the Chestnut Springs Cidery.

Noise Disturbance Mitigation

To ensure neighbours are not impacted, the licensee is not proposing entertainment within the lounge space. Additionally, hours have been limited to ensure no late nights and no disruptions to the area. The licensee lives on this property. They do not wish to have guests remain on site late and they do not wish to disrupt those who live within their community.

Endorsements

No further endorsements have been applied for.

Yours truly,

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Liquor and Cannabis Advisor