

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2025-02-13

From: Louise Hinton, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officer

Subject: 2025 - Temporary changes to liquor licensing at Sasquatch Inn, Electoral Area C

Reviewed by: Bill Ozeroff, Manager of Inspection Services
Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the application received January 15, 2025 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 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. 1638, 2021*.
2. Temporary provisions for the existing facilities will be adequate for the proposed increased occupant load pursuant to the Provincial Sewerage Regulation.

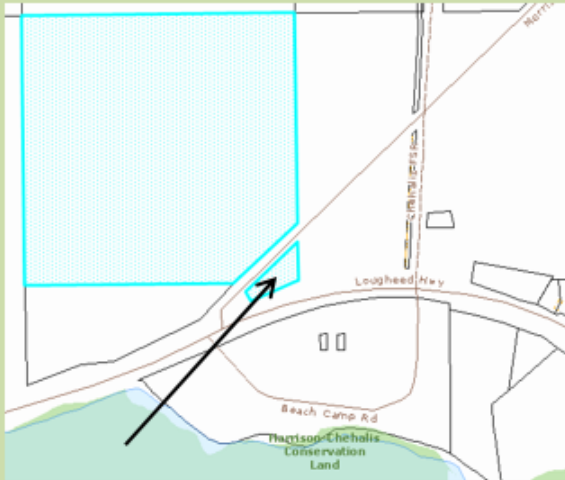
BACKGROUND


The Sasquatch Inn Ltd. is a family run hotel and restaurant dating back to the 1950s. It is 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 the existing liquor license to allow for the increased occupant load and extension of the licensed area during an annual special event that they plan to host on May 31, 2025.

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. The approval that they received in June of 2020 expanded the service areas only and did

not expand overall occupancy. The applicant received approval to have this expansion made permanent in a separate application to LCRB in 2023.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address: 46001 Loughheed Highway		
	Owner	Sasquatch Inn Ltd.
	Agent	Nancy Maclean
	EA	Electoral Area "C"
	Zoning	HC-1 (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>South: Loughheed Hwy/Rural/Institutional Use</p>		
		<p>East: Local Commercial/Residential and Recreational Assembly Use</p>

DISCUSSION

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

The temporary change to the **restaurant's** existing liquor licence would allow an increased occupant load and extend the licence so that they are able to host a special event on Saturday May 31, 2025.

Event	Date	Event Purpose
26 th Annual Jim & Dorothy Maclean Memorial Golf Tournament	Saturday May 31, 2025 4:30pm – 11:00pm	Fundraiser for Heart & Stroke Foundation

Current seating capacity is 147. Applicant wishes to extend the area licensed for 100.

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 and 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

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