

**To:** Chief Administrative Officer **Date:** April 7, 2025  
**From:** Andrew Crowe, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture  
**Subject:** **2025 Special Occasion License Requests – Beer Gardens**

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### **Recommendation(s)**

That the events noted in Appendix A, in the report from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture dated April 7, 2025, be declared Community Special Events for the purpose of securing a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor Control and Cannabis Regulation Branch.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's support for the applications to host beer gardens in the City received from the following groups:

- Mission Slo-Pitch
- Mission Folk Music Festival Society

Details of the various events are summarized in Appendix A.

### **Background**

The City of Mission has received applications from two community groups wishing to host outdoor beer gardens this spring/summer in accordance with Alcohol Consumption on Municipal Property Policy RIS.13. In order for the application to proceed, Council must first approve the events and declare them "Community Special Event(s)" so that the organizers may make application for a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor Control and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCCRB).

### **Discussion and Analysis**

Neither the applicants nor the venues currently hold permanent liquor licenses and must therefore apply for a temporary license from the LCCRB called a Special Event Permit (SEP).

All applicants have a history of holding beer gardens and there have not been any significant complaints related to any previous outdoor beer gardens run by these organizations.

The declaration of the events as "Community Special Events" is the first step toward securing a Special Event Permit. In addition, all groups will be required to provide the following:

- A security plan for the approval of the RCMP as well as Mission Fire Rescue Services;
- Public liability insurance naming the City of Mission as additional insured in an amount of no less than \$5,000,000 (five million dollars);
- A complete City of Mission Special Occasion Beer Garden Application form and application fee;
- Agreement to fully comply in every aspect to the Special Event Permit rules published by the LCCRB; and
- Upon completion of the event, provide the City with a financial statement related to their event. It is understood that the funds raised will go to a charitable organization.

Despite changes to provincial legislation, all beer gardens held on City of Mission property must install a fenced off area to restrict access to those of legal drinking age with valid identification.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications directly associated with the recommendations included in this report. All application fees will be required prior to the issuance of a copy of the Council approval and financial statements will be collected following completion of the events.

### **Communication**

The application will be provided to the RCMP, Fire Rescue Services, the BC Liquor Inspector and the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department Operations Staff. No specific concerns have been noted by these agencies in previous years.

### **Summary and Conclusion**

Staff recommends, based on the conditions and requirements noted herein, that the proposed beer garden events to be hosted by:

- Mission Slo-Pitch
- Mission Folk Music Festival Society

be declared Community Special Events as required under the BC LCCRB Special Event Permit as set out by the Province.

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**Reviewed by:** Stephanie Key, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

**Approved for Inclusion:** Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer

### **Attachment(s)**

Attachment A: 2025 Special Occasion Requests