

To: Chief Administrative Officer **Date:** June 20, 2022
From: Louizandre Dauphin, Director Parks, Recreation & Culture
Subject: **Bylaw 6107-2022 Consumption of Liquor in Public Places**

Recommendation

1. That Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 6107-2022, as set out in Attachment A to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture's report dated June 20, 2022, be considered for first three readings; and
2. That a press release, webpage updates, and online survey be conducted as part of the pilot project.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring forward Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 6107-2022 as a result of Council resolution RC22-212 made on May 16, 2022.

Background

The following resolution was passed at the regular Council Meeting of May 16, 2022:

RC22-212

Moved by Councillor Crawford

RECOMMENDED:

That staff draw up an appropriate bylaw, to initiate a trial basis of one year for the public consumption of alcohol in Heritage Park, Centennial Park and Jack Poole Harbourside Plaza, using the parameters as laid out in the May 16, 2022 Report from the Acting Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture.

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Herar, and Councillor Plecas

CARRIED (5 TO 2)

Discussion and Analysis

As per Council direction, a review of several municipalities' bylaws was completed in preparation of Bylaw 6107-2022 Consumption of Liquor in Public Places. A comparable bylaw is presented for Council consideration which is designed to adequately accommodate a pilot project in Mission.

The pilot project is being recommended for consideration in three community parks within Mission: Centennial Park, Fraser River Heritage Park, and Jack Poole Plaza. Residents who are gathering with friends or family for a picnic or special occasion at these parks may enjoy an alcoholic beverage outdoors safely and responsibly. Alcohol consumption will be limited to designated areas only (see maps attached to the draft bylaw).

Centennial Park

This park was selected for meeting the criteria of having washrooms, picnic tables/seating areas or shelters, and being inspected at least weekly or biweekly.

Excluded areas of the park consist of the:

- dog park;
- tennis courts;
- lacrosse box, including spectator area; and
- area designated as a playground buffer zone (30 metres).

Fraser River Heritage Park

This park was selected for meeting the criteria of having washrooms, picnic tables/seating areas, a sheltered area, and being inspected at least weekly. Regarding special events at this location, liquor licenses and designated consumption areas will continue to be required to ensure no underage drinking and assist with crowd control.

Excluded areas of the park consist of the:

- playground buffer;
- Clayburn yard;
- Blackberry Kitchen; and
- OMI Cemetery buffer zone.

Jack Poole Plaza

This park was selected for meeting the criteria of having washrooms, seating, and being inspected weekly or biweekly. There are no excluded areas for Jack Poole Plaza.

Council Goals/Objectives

This report addresses Council's goal of creating a more livable community.

Financial Implications

This initiative is largely a legislative change, not resulting in a large amount of direct costs. If adopted, signage could be installed in the three parks at an approximate cost of \$1,200.

Communication

If adopted, staff recommend a press release, website information and that online surveys be conducted during the pilot project.

Summary and Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to bring forward Bylaw 6107-2022 Consumption of Liquor in Public Places for first three readings.

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Reviewed by: Louizandre Dauphin, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

Approved for Inclusion: Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment(s)

Attachment A: Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 6107-2022