



MEMORANDUM

Date: 05/20/2024 File: 0120-06
To: Council
From: Councillor Watt and Councillor Cassidy
Re: **Notice of Motion regarding Alcoholic beverages in Horseshoe Bay Park and Whytecliff Park**

Notice of the following motion regarding an amendment to the Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw No. 5118, 2021 to permit the consumption of liquor in designated areas of Horseshoe Bay Park and Whytecliff Park will be given at the May 27, 2024 regular Council meeting. This amendment will be aligned with the District of West Vancouver's current allowance of the consumption of liquor in designated areas of Ambleside Landing, Millenium Park, John Lawson Park (excluding playground), and the western portion of Dundarave Park (excluding playground).

At the June 3, 2024 regular Council meeting, after the proposed motion is moved and seconded, discussion on the proposed motion may be held.

Take notice that at the June 3rd, 2024 regular Council meeting, Councillor Watt, with Councillor Cassidy as seconder, will move:

WHEREAS the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* authorizes Council to enact a bylaw designating a public place, or part thereof, as a place where liquor may be consumed during certain hours;

AND WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver's Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw No. 5118, 2021 currently allows for the consumption of liquor in Ambleside Landing, Millenium Park, John Lawson Park (excluding the playground) and the western portion of Dundarave Park (excluding playground) from noon to dusk, seven days per week. This proposed amendment will allow residents and visitors to the western reaches of West Vancouver to enjoy the same privileges as their neighbours to the east;

AND WHEREAS this amendment will allow individuals who may not have the physical space to entertain with friends in an outdoor setting to enjoy the outdoors. This amendment will provide an economical way for families and friends to gather with a picnic, or with take-out options from local restaurants, while enjoying an alcoholic beverage responsibly;

AND WHEREAS this amendment will likely provide a boost to the local business community in Horseshoe Bay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to amend the District of West Vancouver Bylaw No. 5118 to allow for the consumption of liquor in Horseshoe Bay Park and Whytecliff Park.



MOVER: Councillor Linda Watt



SECONDER: Councillor Christine Cassidy

Information Supporting the Notice of Motion

In May 2021, there was the initial pilot program to allow for the consumption of liquor in Millenium Park. This was piloted for six months and then a review was conducted. It was found to be successful and was subsequently recommended that the pilot program be extended indefinitely. It was also proposed to add additional locations to the Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw based on positive feedback from the West Vancouver Police Department and the Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association. The additional parks that were included in the bylaw were Ambleside Landing, John Lawson Park (excluding playground), and the western portion of Dunderave Park (excluding playground). Hours would remain the same noon to dusk, seven days per week. This has remained in operation since with minimal issues.

Discussions have been held with the Horseshoe Bay Business Association regarding the proposed expansion of this bylaw and they are supportive of this initiative.

This direction helps to achieve one of Council's Strategic Goal which is to create vital and vibrant commercial centres by collaborating with the local business community.

Financial Implications

The financial implications of expanding the bylaw to include Horseshoe Bay Park and Whytecliff Park would include creating new signage and installing it. The approximate costs would be \$800 and this could be covered through the Parks Department's operating budget.