



City of
Kelowna

Responsible Alcohol Use in Parks

Pilot Project - June 2023

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Planning Process

February 2023

Background Research



May 2023

Internal Engagement



May 2023

External Engagement



June 5, 2023

Council Initial Consideration

Council
Direction



June 19, 2023

Fourth Reading / Adoption

Council
Approval



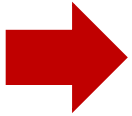
July 4, 2023

Start Pilot Project



October 6, 2023

Last Day Pilot Project



Other Municipalities



Penticton

- Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake Beach Parks
- 2021 and 2022 Pilot Projects
- 2023 February – permanent / all year – 12pm-9pm
- Few bylaw / police impacts – additional waste



Vancouver

- 2020 – 2022 – Non-beach parks
- Equitable space for social distancing in urban areas
- 2023 - 31 Year Round locations / 16 Summer only
- 2023 – 7 Pilot beach parks



North Vancouver

- 2020 pilot project
- 7 parks (4 waterfront and 3 community parks)
- Criteria – close to public washrooms
- Excludes playgrounds

Other Municipalities



Port Coquitlam

- 2020 Pilot Project
- 10 parks
- Washrooms, picnic tables, weekly inspection
- Permanent after pilot



Coquitlam

- 2022 Approved 50 parks
- Excluded pool areas
- Dawn to dusk



Metro Vancouver

- Delta, Port Moody
- 112 parks in Metro Vancouver

Other Regulations

- Section 73(2) of LCLA – municipality can designate public spaces for liquor consumption
- Smoking / Vaping is not permitted in parks
- Unlawful to be intoxicated in public
- Unlawful to drive intoxicated
- Unlawful to consume alcohol under age of 19
- Unlawful to drive boats intoxicated

Site Criteria Considerations

- Target parks:
 - Washrooms available
 - Picnic / seating tables / picnic Areas
 - Large capacity trash cans (or potential)
 - Daily maintenance
 - Mid to high density residential areas
 - High surveillance – natural and bylaw
- Avoid
 - Playgrounds / Play features / Playing Fields
 - Natural Areas
 - Remote parks
 - Areas with high bylaw calls for service
 - Parking lots
 - Piers / Boardwalks without railings
 - Water bodies





Pilot Parks

- Waterfront Park
- Kinsmen Park
- Boyce Gyro Park

- Avoid paths
- Avoid parking lot
- Avoid areas of low natural surveillance
- Minimum 15m from residences

Tugboat Beach / Waterfront Park

- Avoid playground
- Avoid sport court
- Avoid 15m from residences

Kinsmen Park



- Avoid paths
- Avoid zipline
- Avoid playground
- Avoid parking lot
- Avoid 15m from residences

Boyce Gryro Park



Operations

- Daily / weekly maintenance checks
- Signage on site and on website
 - Areas
 - Hours
- Avoid long weekends
- No tolerance for glass
- 12 noon to 9 pm hours
- Monitor
 - Bylaw & RCMP / Emergency calls for service
 - Service Request Complaints
 - Maintenance issues



Enforcement

- Bylaw Additional summer staff (parks / beaches)
- Bylaw increased bike / foot patrols
- Bylaw can issue tickets (nuisance, litter)
- Bylaw number on signage

- RCMP Community Safety Unit – Downtown focus
- RCMP regular patrols Downtown/beaches
- RCMP no additional resources
- RCMP complaint response / proactive patrols



Maintenance

- High capacity waste bins (e.g. Boyce-Gyro)
- 'Smart' sensors on waste bins
- Regular maintenance staff in all 4 parks
- Regular mechanical beach cleaning
- Glass beverages prohibited in parks



Engagement

- Internal
 - Community Safety
 - RCMP
 - Bylaw Services
 - Active Living & Culture
 - Parks Operations
- External
 - Downtown Kelowna Association
 - Tourism Kelowna
 - Kelowna Downtown Knox Mtn Neighbourhood Association
 - KLO Neighbourhood Association

Pilot Program



Trial

Monitor

Assess

- If successful, consider other waterfront parks and other parks in urban centres in 2024

Council Resolution

THAT pursuant to section 73(2) of the Liquor Control and Licensing Act the Council of the City of Kelowna is empowered to regulate a public place that it has jurisdiction over as a place where alcohol may be consumed;

AND THAT, the Council of the City of Kelowna wishes to designate a portion of parks and beaches as a place where alcohol may be consumed responsibly;

AND THAT, Council receives for information this report from the Parks & Buildings Planning, dated June 5, 2023, regarding the responsible consumption of alcohol in select parks;

AND THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to “Responsible Alcohol Consumption in Select Parks (Waterfront Park, Kinsmen Beach and Boyce Gyro Park from 12 PM to 9 PM)”, as a pilot project from July 4, 2023 to October 6, 2023.



Questions?

For more information, visit kelowna.ca.