



City of
Kelowna

Responsible Use of Liquor in Parks

Report to Council

May 6, 2024

Responsible use of liquor in parks Pilot Program 2023

- ▶ Pilot Program 2023
 - 3 months summer 2023
 - Waterfront Park, Kinsmen Park and Boyce-Gyro Beach Park
 - Noon to 9pm

Responsible use of liquor in parks - 2023

Parks Planning		
	0	No feedback after launch
Communications		
	0	Predominantly positive w/ minor concerns
Parks Operations		
	Waste Volume	More but manageable
	Returnables	Wire baskets
Bylaw Services		
	1	No issue at scene
Security / KSOC		
	0	Security / KSOC No reports No increased calls for service

Responsible use of liquor in parks - RCMP

Calls for Service	2023	2022	Change(%)
Waterfront and Tugboat Beach CFS	112	138	-18.84%
Kinsman Park CFS	9	19	-52.63%
Boyce Gyro Park CFS	23	63	-63.49%

- No additional calls for service
- Calls for service dropped

Responsible use of liquor in parks - Elements

▶ Choice of Parks

- ▶ High formal and passive surveillance
- ▶ Amenities – Picnic tables, picnic areas, waste containers
- ▶ Access options
- ▶ Regular maintenance and inspections
- ▶ Generally - Mid to high residential neighbourhoods

▶ Choice of Areas to avoid

- ▶ Areas with high bylaw calls to service
- ▶ Playgrounds and play spaces
- ▶ Natural areas

Proposed Program

- Responsible use of Alcohol in Parks is permitted:
 - 2024 Eight Parks (including the three pilot parks of 2023)
 - May 15th to September 15th annually
 - Noon to 9pm
- Not Permitted:
 - No Glass
 - Public Intoxication
 - Smoking and vaping

Parks

	(Pilot 2023) 2024
Cedar Creek Park	2024
Boyce-Gyro Beach Park	(2023) 2024
Kinsmen Park	(2023) 2024
Rotary Beach Park	2024
Sarsons Beach Park	2024
Strathcona Beach Park	2024
Sutherland Bay Park	2024
Waterfront Park (including Tugboat Beach)	(2023) 2024

Responsible use of liquor in parks

- ▶ Excluded areas within these parks are as follows:
 - 15m from any playground, play equipment or any children's play areas
 - 15m from residences
 - Sports courts and fields
 - Parking lots
 - Water bodies
 - Piers / boardwalks without railings

- ▶ Parks Services Manager may temporarily suspend a Designated Area (e.g. during an event)

Recommendation

- ▶ That Council receives the report for information;
- ▶ That the amending bylaw be forwarded for reading consideration.



Questions?

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