



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: October 13, 2020

From: Hailey Rilkoff, Planner II

Subject: **Temporary Expanded Service Area Authorization, LCRB Extension of Blanket Approval**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council support the extension of Temporary Expanded Service Area authorizations to October 31, 2021; and,

THAT Council direct staff to submit a letter of support to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Economic Growth and Prosperity

We support initiatives that promote the community's livability, local business growth, agriculture, wineries, natural beauty, amenities, rich culture, and other attributes that position West Kelowna as a place to live, invest, work and play.

BACKGROUND

In response to pandemic and reopening requirements for the hospitality sector, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) implemented an expedited process for LCRB licensees to temporarily expand their service area footprint until October 31, 2020. This was announced in Policy Directive 20-13 on May 22, 2020. On June 9, 2020, Council provided a blanket pre-approval for all applications to the LCRB for these expansions (*Attachment 1*).

Temporary Expanded Service Areas allow licensees of food primary, liquor primary, and manufacturing establishments to comply with requirements under the Public Health officer, primarily related to physical distancing.

DISCUSSION

Temporary Expanded Service Area, Extension

In an effort to continue to support the hospitality industry in maintaining their operations through BC's Restart Plan and within the orders and guidelines of the Provincial Health Officer related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LCRB recently announced an extension of Temporary Expanded Service Areas until October 31, 2021 (*Attachment 2*). The LCRB is now reaching out to local governments who have establishments with approved expanded areas to confirm support for the extension to October 31, 2021. Local governments have until October 16, 2020 to confirm their position.

If the City is supportive of the extension, staff will prepare a letter of support to submit to the LCRB.

Local Authorizations

To date, six (6) West Kelowna licensees have taken advantage and received approval for a Temporary Expanded Service Area. These licensees are:

- Grizzli Winery
- Frind Estate Winery
- Ciao Bella Winery
- Kalala Organic Estate Winery
- Black Swift Vineyards
- The Hatch

Figure 1 shows an example of a floor plan submitted by Grizzli Winery for their expanded service area. The yellow area shows the proposed service area expansion, while the light green area shows their regular service area.

Through the Bylaw Department's proactive inspections for COVID-19 compliance, all six businesses have been confirmed to be following the Provincial Health Officer's requirements. West Kelowna RCMP have not noticed any significant increase in calls for service related to these locations.

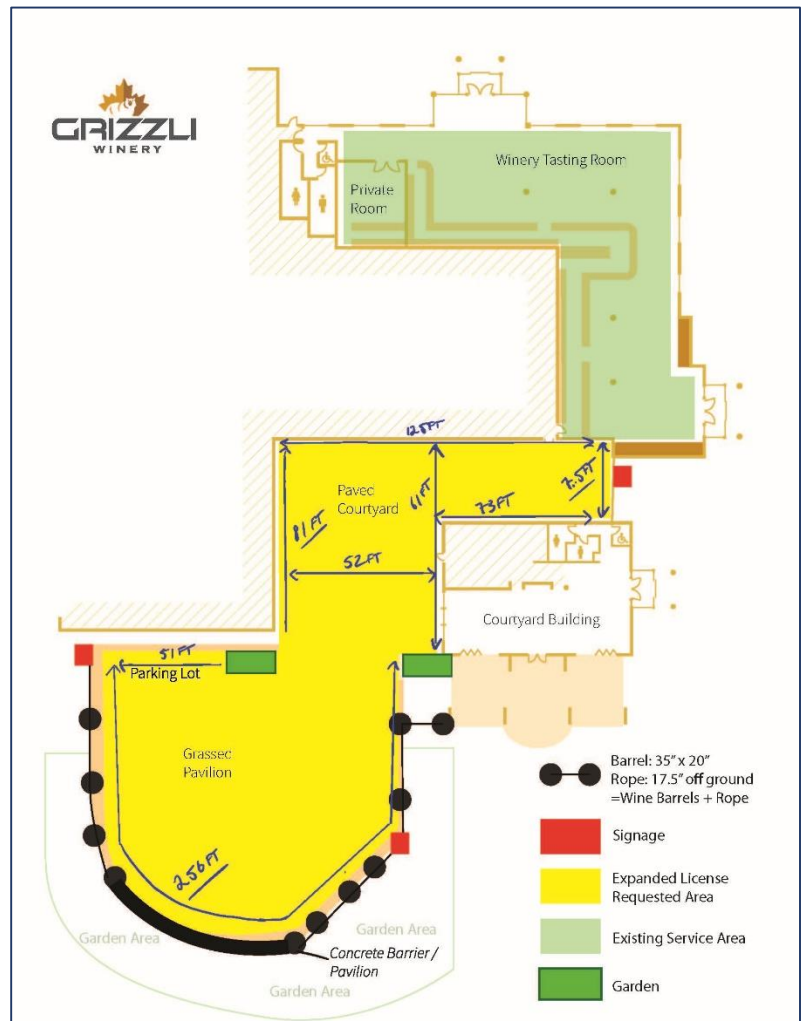


Figure 1 - Grizzli Winery - Temporary Expanded Service Area Floor Plan

Licensees with existing authorizations will be not need to apply for an extension. Licensees applying for new authorizations will be able to utilize the expedited online application through the LCRB. When an authorization for an expanded area is given, licensees are responsible for ensuring they remain in compliance with all applicable laws, bylaws and regulations.

COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
June 9, 2020	THAT Council provide pre-approval for all liquor primary and manufacture establishments in West Kelowna who apply for an expanded service area in accordance with the LCRB Policy 20-13.	C154/20

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend Council support the LCRB's extension of Temporary Expanded Service Areas until October 31, 2021 to support West Kelowna licensees with complying with the Provincial Health Officer's orders and guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic. By continuing to provide blanket pre-approval for these applications, the City can assist operators to ensure the safety of their employees and visitors while remaining open and contributing to the local economy.

Alternate Motion:

THAT Council not support the extension of Temporary Expanded Service Area authorizations to October 31, 2021; and

THAT Council require staff to review and approve all individual requests for liquor primary and manufacturer expansions prior to licensees submitting their applications to the LCRB.

REVIEWED BY

Brent Magnan, Planning Manager

Mark Koch, Director of Development Services

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments:

1. Staff Report from June 9, 2020
2. LCRB Policy Directive 20-26 Temporary Expanded Service Area, extension