

BYLAW NO. 5251, 2022

A Bylaw to Permit the Responsible Consumption of Liquor in Public Places

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to section 73 (2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, the Council of the City of Coquitlam is empowered to designate a public place over which it has jurisdiction as a place where liquor may be consumed;
- B. The Council of the City of Coquitlam wishes to designate *parks* as places where liquor may be consumed responsibly;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Coquitlam, in open meeting lawfully assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Part 1: Interpretation

1. Name of Bylaw

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Responsible Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw No. 5251, 2022.”

2. Definitions

2.1 In this Bylaw, the following words have the following meanings:

“**City**” means the City of Coquitlam.

“**liquor**” means, subject to the *Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation*, beer, wine, spirits or other product that is intended for human consumption and that contains more than 1% of alcohol by volume.

“**Liquor Control and Licensing Act**” means the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19, as amended.

“**Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation**” means the *Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation*, B.C. Reg.241/2016, as amended.

“**park**” means land dedicated as park, or any other land used for athletic, social or recreational use which the *City* owns or controls by means of a lease, license or other legal instrument, within the jurisdiction of the *City* excluding property owned, leased or licensed to the City by School District 43.

“permitted space” means a public place that has been designated pursuant to the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* as a place where *liquor* may be consumed.

3. Designation of Permitted Spaces and Setting of Hours

- 3.1 Outdoor areas of *parks* are hereby designated as *permitted spaces* where *liquor* may be consumed.
- 3.2 The hours that *liquor* may be consumed in any of the *permitted spaces* are from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

4. Required Posted Notices

- 4.1 The General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities or that person’s designate must post signs setting out the boundaries of each *permitted space* and the hours during which *liquor* may be consumed in the *permitted space* and such signs must:
 - a) be posted at all entry points into the *park* and on general *park* information signs;
 - b) be at least 0.13 square metres in size;
 - c) state the hours that *liquor* may only be consumed.

5. Offences

- 5.1 Offences set out in the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* and the Park and Facilities Rules and Regulations Bylaw No. 3617, 2004 will apply to persons who consume *liquor* in a *park* that is not a *permitted space* or who consume *liquor* outside of the permitted hours.
- 5.2 This Bylaw may be enforced by any RCMP Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Part 3: General Provisions

6. Severability

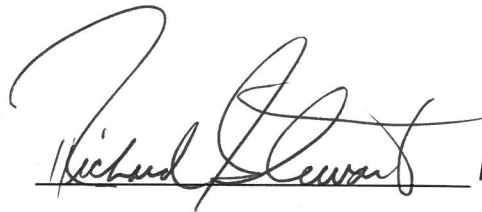
If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is, for any reason, held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it will be deemed to be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw will remain valid and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

READ A FIRST TIME this 20th day of June, 2022.

READ A SECOND TIME this 20th day of June, 2022.

READ A THIRD TIME this 20th day of June, 2022.

GIVEN FOURTH AND FINAL READING and the Seal of the Corporation affixed this 4th day of July, 2022.


Richard Stewart MAYOR


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