

Vancouver Pride Sunset Beach Festival Special Event

Park Board Committee Meeting Monday, June 5, 2017





- Present and review request from Vancouver Pride Society for expanded licensed area
- Seek Board approval for this request





Background

• Vancouver Pride Society:

- Brings together members, friends and supporters of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Two-Spirit community
- In celebration of the unique spirit and culture of the LGBTQ2+ community
- Society will be hosting it's 39th annual Vancouver Pride Parade and Sunset Beach Festival



Background



- Sunset Beach Festival has traditionally included:
 - Performance stage
 - Vendors
 - Licensed area
- Licensed area has operated without any major incidents since 2007
- Festival attracts over 150,000 people throughout the day

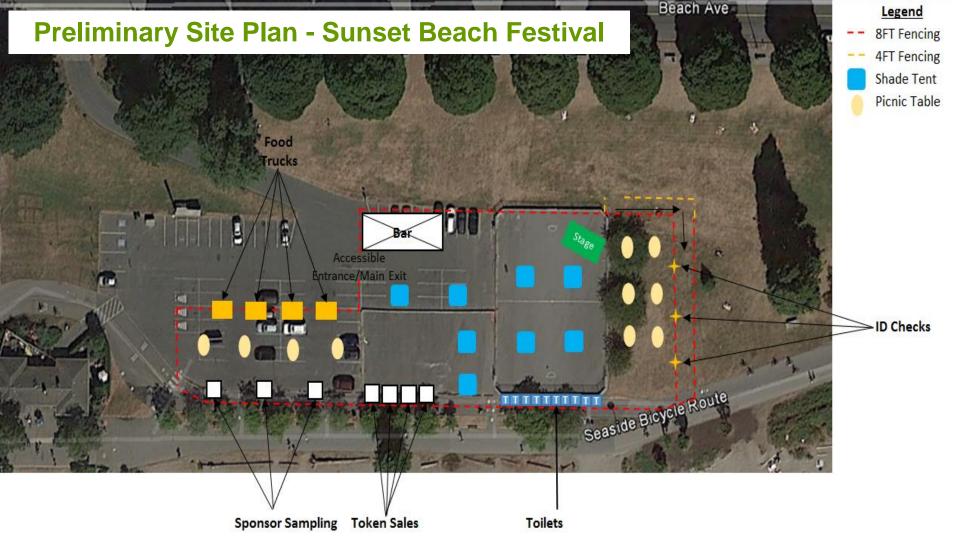


Proposal



- Society is seeking approval to increase capacity of licensed area from 1,200 to 1,500 guests
- Will operate August 6, 2017
 between 11:00am and 7:00pm
- Increased capacity is to enhance overall guest experience
- Supporting modifications:
 - Licensed area footprint would be increased
 - Additional security and VPD officers will be provided





Additional Considerations



- Reviewed and conditionally approved by FEST Committee:
 - Subject to Park Board approval
 - Updated event plans
- Organizer will:
 - Comply with all Park Board terms and conditions
 - Address/mitigate any unanticipated impacts



Summary



- Sunset Beach Festival is a very popular summer activation
- Proposal submitted by the organizer represents an incremental addition to the Festival
- Park Board staff have carefully considered the various aspects of this application
- Confident initiative can be executed successfully and as intended



Recommendation





THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the Vancouver Pride Society, organizers of the Vancouver Pride Sunset Beach Festival, to increase the maximum capacity of the event's licensed area at Sunset Beach Park from 1,200 guests to 1,500 guests on Sunday, August 6, 2017, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board. 22