



ALCOHOL IN PARKS PILOT 2022

Proposed By-law
Amendments

Park Board Committee Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022



The purpose of this presentation is to share with the Board the **proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-Law regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks**, in order to relaunch the Alcohol in Parks Pilot at select park sites in 2022 as directed by the February 7 Board Motion, “Alcohol in Parks Pilot – Extension and Next Steps”.



Presentation Outline

1. Previous Board decisions
2. 2022 pilot overview and changes
3. Proposed by-law amendments

Previous Board Decisions (2020-2022)



- **July 2020** – 22 park sites were approved for the pilot
- **June 2021** – BC LCLA amended; Park Board approved the by-law to launch the pilot
- **July 2021** – Pilot launches to the public; staff begin monitoring and public survey goes live
- **October 2021** – Pilot ends and public survey closes; staff review monitoring data
- **December 2021** – Staff report back to Board on the key findings from the first pilot
- **February 2022** – Board directs staff to extend the pilot in 2022, and to report back with recommendations beyond the pilot
- **May 2022 (Today)** – Staff present 2022 pilot to Board, with proposed changes to designated drinking areas and by-laws.

2022 Pilot Overview



When is the pilot running?

Beginning as early as June 3 – depending on Board enacting by-law amendments – until October 16, 2022

Where will the pilot sites be?

Within updated designated drinking areas at the same 22 parks as the first pilot; within the same hours of 11:00am and 9:00pm daily

How will we implement the pilot?

- On-site signage
- Online communications (webpage, socials, info bulletin)
- On-site monitoring and ongoing maintenance
- Public feedback via 3-1-1 and project inbox
- Additional waste totes and servicing
- Health (VCH) and safety (VPD) data monitoring

What's different?

Proposed updates to designated drinking areas

- Last year's boundaries were challenging to identify when on-site
- Proposing to update designated drinking areas by also communicating **where it is not appropriate for liquor to be consumed.**

Where liquor cannot be consumed, or 'no alcohol zones':

- a) within 20m of a playground, school, or natural area
- b) within 5m of a pool or water park
- c) in, on or within a:
 - A. beach, pond, lake or dock;
 - B. seawall, roadway, parking lot, or building entrance area;
 - C. garden or horticultural display area;
 - D. sports field, sports court, skate park, or fitness amenity
 - E. community centre, fieldhouse, or washroom; or
 - F. designated off-leash dog area.

2022 Pilot Overview

Boundary Updates



Figure 1: John Hendry Park – 2021 Pilot Sites



Figure 2: John Hendry Park – 2022 Pilot Site

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Alcohol in Parks Pilot
John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park

Pilot Duration: **Until October 16, 2022**
Drinking Hours: **11:00am - 9:00pm Daily**

What you need to know about drinking in this park

- Alcohol can only be consumed between 11:00am and 9:00pm daily within the 'Alcohol Allowed' areas shown in blue (Parks Control By-Law 23B)
- Do not drink in 'No Alcohol Zones' shown in grey, including:
 - Trout Lake Community Centre
 - Sports fields and courts
 - Playgrounds
 - Beaches and in and around the lake
 - Ecologically-sensitive natural areas
 - Parking lots and bike paths
 - Off-leash dog area
 - Washrooms and fieldhouses
- Some areas may be temporarily restricted when in use for recreational programs or events
- Use waste and recycling bins, and do not leave any garbage and/or litter behind (Parks Control By-Law 14A, 14B, 14C)
- No amplifying system or loud speakers (Parks Control By-Law 8 (C))
- Be respectful in this shared space, and mindful of other people's comfort and safety

About this pilot

The Vancouver Park Board is extending the Alcohol in Parks Pilot to allow people to legally consume alcoholic beverages at select parks around the city, including this park. Please review the map and information provided before consuming alcohol on site. Please drink responsibly and be respectful of the park, other park users, wildlife, and surrounding residents and businesses.

For more information on this pilot, please scan this QR code on your smartphone's camera, or visit vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/alcohol-in-parks-pilot

Incident Reporting

General Feedback/Inquiries: 3-1-1
Police Non-Emergency: 604-717-3321
Emergency: 9-1-1

We are on the unceded territories of the *m̓m̓k̓w̓iyam* (Musqueam), *Sḵw̓eḵw̓em̓sh* (Squamish), and *Səl̓ilw̓at̓əl* (Səl̓ilw̓at̓əl) Nations.

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Simplified boundaries:

- easier for park users to remember where not to drink across entire park,
- versus remembering specific boundaries within each park

Proposed by-law amendments for Board consideration

For staff to implement the 2022 Alcohol in Parks Pilot, the Parks Control By-law must be updated to reflect:

1. Effective dates (June 3 – October 16, 2022)
2. Updates to designated drinking area boundaries to improve clarity

Recommendation



- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-Law Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks, as set out in Appendix A of this report, to temporarily designate the park sites listed in the by-law as places where liquor may be consumed during the 2022 Alcohol in Parks Pilot;

- B. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward a by-law for enactment by the Park Board generally in accordance with Appendix A.



Division/Department	Name & Title	Concurrence Date
Planning, Policy, Environment [impacted depts/division]	Doug Shearer GM (or designate)	
Decolonization, Arts & Culture	Rena Soutar, Manager	
Planning & Park Development	Dave Hutch, Director	
Recreation Services	Steve Kellock, Director	
Park Operations	Amit Gandha, Director	
Finance (FP&A)	Natalie Froehlich, Director FP&A Parks & Rec	
Strategic Ops & Board Relations	Sarah Iacoe/John Brodie, Director	
Business Services	Steve Jackson, Director	
GM's Office	Donnie Rosa, GM	GMO to obtain

- Should generally align with concurrences required for report; adjust as needed.
- ALL concurrences up to Park Board GM level to be obtained prior to submitting to PBGMO for final review & GM concurrence.