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Statement of Interest

The purpose of the policy is to provide for the management of alcohol consumption on Comox Valley Regional District - Comox Valley Sports and Aquatic Centres property while considering the culture and needs of the community, the health and safety of individuals, the protection of property, the diverse views of the community and the need to balance the non-use and use of alcohol at public and private events.

Objectives

1. To prescribe procedures relating to education, which promote an understanding of all provincial legislation and regulations and regional district policies pertaining to Alcohol consumption.
2. To provide procedures and programs relating to alcohol consumption which promote the safety of individuals and the protection of property.
3. To allow the consumption of alcohol as only a part of an event rather than the principal activity of the event.
4. To prescribe procedures that reinforce low-risk drinking practises.
5. To promote the incorporation of safe transportation provisions into events where alcohol consumption is permitted.
6. To encourage the CVRD board of directors and administration to provide leadership in the non-use and use of alcohol.
7. To follow the liquor control and licensing regulations.
8. To reduce risk to the regional district.

Policy

1. Definitions and Interpretation

In this policy:

“act” means the Liquor Control and Licensing Act – RSBC 1996 C.267;

“adjacent areas” includes

- Any two areas that are reasonably visible to each other;
- Any two areas that must share a common entrance or exit;

“alcohol” means liquor as defined in the Act;

“regional district” means the Comox Valley Regional District and its administration;

“regional district property” or **“property”** means premises that are owned or controlled by the Comox Valley Regional District - Comox Valley Sports and Aquatic Centres, listed in Schedule “A”;

“consumer” means a person who drinks alcohol at an event;

“board” means the Comox Valley Regional District board of directors;

“designate” means any individual who is so named, in the prescribed form, by the license holder;

“end of the event” includes

- The ending time stated in the facility rental agreement;
- No later than two hours past the end of the last scheduled principal activity of the event;
- A time prescribed by event type by the regional district;

“event” means any specially scheduled assembly of individuals for a common purpose and is not intended to include regular ongoing activities;

“event worker” includes

- All employees, volunteers or other individuals engaged in serving alcohol, monitoring alcohol consumption, or providing security;
- The license holder and any designates;
- Any person wearing a uniform used to identify event workers, whether they are actually working or not;

“Events Aimed at Youth” or **“Events Attracting Youth”** includes

- Ticketed spectator events with different admission prices for families, children or youth;
- events where the majority of participants or spectators are youth;
- events whose promotions are specifically directed at youth;

“license holder” includes

- The individual to whom the special occasion or permanent liquor license is issued;
- Any individual who is named, in the prescribed form, by the license holder to be a designate;

“permanent license” means a permanent liquor license as defined in the regulations;

“Comox Valley sports and aquatic centres policy” or **“policy”** means this policy;

“principal activity” means an activity without which the event could not proceed;

“private event” means an event that is attended by personal invitation only;

“public event” means an event is not a private event as described in the act;

“regulations” means the liquor control and licensing act regulations;

“server” means the event worker who delivers an alcoholic beverage to a consumer;

“special occasion license” means a public or private special occasion license as defined in the regulations;

“spectator seating area” includes

- tiered seating from which viewing a public spectator event is intended, and;
- areas adjacent to tiered seating being used for viewing a public event;

“youth” means a person under the age of majority established by the Age of Majority Act – RSBC 1996 C.7;

“youth special event” means a youth event which occurs from time to time and draws participants from more than two teams or from an entire league or district; or a cultural competition or performance.

2. GENERAL

2.1 Alcohol consumption on regional district property listed in schedule “A” is permitted under a special occasion license or as approved under operational guidelines when it is: 2.1.1 in a designated area listed in schedule “A”, and; 2.1.2 in compliance with the entire policy.

2.2 Alcohol consumption on regional district property is not permitted at public events aimed at youth or at events attracting youth.

2.3 Alcohol consumption is not permitted on regional district property when youth special events are scheduled in adjacent areas.

2.4 Alcohol consumption is not permitted at public events in spectator seating areas of regional district.

2.5 Events that have alcohol consumption as a principal activity will not be permitted on regional district property

2.6 Youth are not permitted into an event where alcohol is served. Security staff is to check ID at the door. Only the following ID is to be accepted as proof of age.

- A) B.C. or Government Photo ID
- B) B.C. Photo Drivers Licence
- C) Valid Passport.

2.7 Bar to close ¾ Hour before the end of the event

2.8 There will be no last call.

3. TRAINING

3.1 The license holder must demonstrate that they and their designate(s) have successfully completed the prescribed training course for “licensee(s)” under the act and regulations and that they are in attendance for the duration of the event.

3.2 Permanent license holders must arrange for all event workers, volunteers and staff where alcohol is served to complete a prescribed training course.

4. THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE

4.1 All licence holders for events taking place on regional district property will be required to produce evidence of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) third party liability insurance, naming the regional district as co-insured.

5. EVENT WORKERS

5.1 The license holder is responsible for ensuring the prescribed number of event workers are present and are aware of their responsibilities and that those responsibilities are carried out.

6. SECURITY

6.1 It is the responsibility of the license holder to provide an environment that keeps event workers and attendees safe from physical harm during the event.

7. INTOXICATED PATRONS

7.1 The Act prohibits the selling or giving of liquor to an intoxicated person. Further, an intoxicated person is not permitted to remain in the licensed area. The license holder has a responsibility and right under the Act to forbid a person to enter or request a person to leave the premises “if for any reason he believes the presence of that person in the licensed establishment is undesirable or that person is intoxicated”.

7.2 If a person becomes intoxicated it is the responsibility of the license holder to take reasonable steps to ensure that the person does not harm himself/herself or others upon being escorted from the event.

7.3 In no circumstances will alcohol be served to youth.

8. FOOD AND BEVERAGES

8.1 License holders must ensure the provision of and encourage the consumption of appropriate food by consumers.

8.2 Low alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages must be readily available.

9. SAFE TRANSPORTATION

9.1 All license holders of events at regional district facilities where alcohol is to be served at the event are required to comply with the conditions of schedule “B” related to the designated driver program or other related programs of the ICBC Corporation.

10. SIGNS

10.1 A sign outlining rules pertaining to alcohol consumption at the event must be posted near the bar. If there is no bar, a sign must be posted where it is reasonably visible to consumers and potential consumers.

10.2 The licence holder must post signs educating the public on the dangers of alcohol consumption and encouraging consumers to take responsibility for controlling their own alcohol consumption throughout the site at any event where alcohol may be consumed.

10.3 The regional district may in its discretion post signs prohibiting alcohol consumption in areas where alcohol consumption is either illegal or not permitted.

11. ACCOUNTABILITY

11.1 Any breach of contract by the licence holder may result in the suspension of or rejection of future applications.

11.2 The regional district may require a security deposit payable to the regional district for events with special occasion licenses on regional district property.

11.3 The regional district will set the amount of the security deposit required.

12. ADVERTISING

12.1 Alcohol product advertising is not allowed on regional district property in connection with events aimed at youth.

12.2 Event names that convey the message that drinking alcohol is the principal activity must not be used.

Revision History

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