



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

Subject: Municipal Alcohol Policy

Director: Community Services

Manager: Recreation & Community Programs

Report Number: Recreation and Community Programs-2022-07

Meeting Date: Monday, September 19, 2022

Recommendation: THAT Council approve the Municipal Alcohol Policy as presented.

Date to be considered by Council: Monday, October 3, 2022

Report Summary:

The Municipal Alcohol Policy has been revised to reflect current Industry Standards. The MAP has been created using a template that was provided to municipalities by the Grey-Bruce Health Unit with input received by various agencies including the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, the OPP, Public Health, other local municipalities and reviewed by a legal representative. The policy was reviewed by both the Kincardine Police Services Board and the Grey-Bruce Health Unit and both have indicated they are supportive of the attached Municipal Alcohol Policy.

Origin: Existing Policy GG.1.6

Existing Policy: Council Approval

Background/Analysis: Municipalities have taken a proactive approach to developing municipal alcohol policies as risk management tools, based on the many negative alcohol related accidents and incidents that have occurred. Information provided by the Grey Bruce Health Unit indicates that one in five drinkers in Grey and Bruce are regular heavy drinkers. This high-risk practice is a strong predictor of alcohol related problems which are evident in our communities, including:

- Injuries or death due to intoxicated persons or others as a result of alcohol consumption

- Liability actions arising from improper serving and monitoring of alcohol consumption
- Liquor License Act charges against the municipality and/or SOP holder
- Suspension of SOP's being issued at specific facilities

By reducing alcohol intoxication, drinking under the legal age and the possibility of driving a vehicle while impaired, the above problems will correspondingly diminish.

The Alcohol Risk Management Policy was last revised in 2013. Staff are recommending that the title of this policy be changed to Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) to be in line with the Industry Standard Norm for this policy.

In revising the MAP, staff used the template that was provided to municipalities by the Grey Bruce Health Unit which was developed by a working group of community partners in Grey and Bruce Counties with input received from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police, Public Health, local municipalities and reviewed by a legal representative from a liability perspective.

The draft MAP policy was presented to the Police Services Board Committee at their July 14, 2022 meeting for their review and comment, and a question was raised about including cannabis consumption in our MAP, so staff reached out to the Grey Bruce Health Unit for direction and they indicated that typically cannabis use consumption is not included in local MAP's as it is an Ontario Public Health consideration.

Staff from the Grey Bruce Health Unit also reviewed our draft MAP policy and were supportive indicating that it was in-line with their template as well as MAP's from other local municipalities.

The Municipal Alcohol Policy remains extremely similar in content as the proposed changes are being done to make the policy easier to navigate through by using Industry Standard language.

A few of the noted changes within the policy include:

- Designation of Properties; has been expanded to include the parking lots at both the Davidson Centre and the Tiverton Sports Centre.
- Designation of Events; now includes "it is not recommended that alcohol be served or sold at a youth focused event".
- Renter Responsibilities; Municipality of Kincardine has the right to request additional volunteers for events if deemed necessary.
- Insurance; Proof of Insurance requirement has increased from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Integrated Strategy 2020 – 2025: CW 7: Enhance community safety and wellbeing in the Municipality of Kincardine.

Financial Implications: N/A

Attachments: Draft Municipal Alcohol Policy

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