

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** April 22, 2026

**Subject:** Mackenzie Legion – Temporary Extension of License Area (LP)

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with the application review process for the Mackenzie Legion's Liquor Cannabis Regulations Branch Temporary Extension of Licensed Area application for the Mackenzie 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration on May 16, 2026;

AND THAT Council waive the public comment period for this application.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Mackenzie Legion has applied to the Liquor Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for a temporary extension to their current licensed service area to allow the organization to serve alcohol in a secured outdoor patio near the front main doorway as shown in the attached site plan. It is a temporary change to their license area to increase capacity to be able to host a community dance on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 11:59 pm as part of the Mackenzie 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

The LCRB refers these applications to the District for comment and to confirm zoning bylaw alignment. The District's process for reviewing LCRB applications like this has been as follows:

- Staff technical review (Fire, Building, Operations, Planning)
- Agency referral (RCMP and Northern Health, where applicable)
- Public comment period (3 weeks)
- Staff bring a report to Council for consideration and to finalize comments to LCRB.

Staff are proposing to follow the same process apart from the public comment period. Staff are recommending it be waived for this application because:

- LCRB regulation does not require public comment for these types of applications;
- The extension will have limited duration impact on neighbouring properties; and
- There have been no issues raised to date with the District with respect to the Legion's current Liquor Primary License.



This approach was taken previously when The Office Bar and Grill applied for their Temporary Expanded Service Area permit in 2021.

**NEXT STEPS:**

If approved to move forward and the public comment period is waived, staff and agencies would review the request and a report would be brought to the May 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for Council's decision on the application.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There is no budget impact for this recommendation.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

**Strong Governance and Finances**

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer