

# New Provincial LCLB Policy Directive No. 18-01 Special Event Permit Exemption



Development Services

## Change

- This change is a Provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) initiative
- Previously, Special Event Permit (SEP) required profits to go to charity
- Option now for event profits not to be donated to charity if event is of “significance”
- Reason stated for change is to support the music industry in BC

## “Significance”

- Four types of significance:
  - International;
  - National;
  - Provincial; or
  - Municipal.
- Province to determine international, national, or provincial significance
- Municipality responsible for determining municipal significance

## Municipal Significance

- Events of municipal significance require municipal determination
- Approval confirmed by:
  - Municipal resolution; or
  - Letter from a delegated local government official.

## CSRD Policy No. A-42 – Liquor License Applications

- Adopted in 1987 and most recently updated in 2015
- Establishes a process to respond to liquor license application referrals from LCLB
- Summary:
  - CSRD will not provide comments about new or amended licenses
  - CSRD wishes to be notified of such applications
  - CSRD will not provide seating capacities
  - CSRD will review applications for compliance with land use regulations and provide related comments

## Considerations

- CSRD has previously confirmed it is only interested in land use regulations related to applications and events
- For local events of significance, event profits may no longer be provided to charities
- Does the CSRD wish to consider if events are of municipal significance?
- If CSRD does not determine municipal significance, the applicant can request the Province to determine an event is of provincial significance

## Considerations continued

- How will the CSRD determine if an event is of municipal significance?
- Does the CSRD Board wish to make this determination?
- Does the CSRD Board wish to delegate this determination to a CSRD staff person?
- What are the CSRD resources required to make this determination?
- CSRD not sure how many requests will be received to determine municipal significance

## Options

- CSRD confirm that all events are of municipal significance
- CSRD confirm that no events are of municipal significance
- CSRD consider municipal significance on a per application basis
  - What are the criteria to determine municipal significance?
- Who determines municipal significance?
  - CSRD Board of Directors
  - The Electoral Area Director where the event is proposed
  - Delegated CSRD staff person
- The chosen option should be included in CSRD Policy



## Staff Recommendation

- CSRD confirm that no events are of municipal significance
- The communication of this decision to applicants is to be delegated to a CSRD staff person
- This decision and delegation of authority to be included in CSRD Policy No. A-42
- This staff recommendation is consistent with the intent of CSRD Policy No. A-42; the CSRD is only concerned with a LCLB application adhering to land use regulations.