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Our File

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Dear RDCO Manager Gazely,

**Letter of Non-Support for Temporary Expanded Service Area at the Lake Okanagan
Tiki Beach Bar**

West Kelowna RCMP is the police agency responsible for policing the Lake Okanagan Resort. Over the past 5 years (2017-2021) West Kelowna RCMP have received 169 calls for service at the resort (Source PRIME BC). A number of these calls relate specifically to the Lake Okanagan Tiki Beach Bar (tiki-bar) such as noise complaints, impaired boating, vehicles parked blocking the fire lane near the tiki-bar, and in one case a report of someone snorting cocaine off the tiki-bar itself.

Lake Okanagan Resort is approximately 25 minutes away from the West Kelowna RCMP Detachment leading to long response times in the event of an emergency. In the event of a report of an impaired boater, the response time for a police vessel would be prohibitively long to attend.

Parking at the resort is also of concern as there are not suitable parking lots at the resort to service the tiki-bar. People have consistently parked on the very steep and narrow lane way, blocking the fire lane near the tiki-bar. This fire lane is used to access two multi-unit residential buildings. The parking makes police attendance difficult.

In conclusion, due to the remote location and size of the crowds often seen at the tiki-bar, West Kelowna RCMP are not in an ideal position to deal safely and effectively with any large crowd control or alcohol related occurrence that may be encountered at the Lake Okanagan Resort and more specifically at the tiki-bar. Based on this, RCMP do not support the approval of a Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) at the Lake Okanagan Tiki Beach Bar.


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