

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO: David Gazely

FROM: Ross Kotscherofski (Manager, Fire Services)

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SUBJECT: Nonsupport for Temporary Expanded Area (TESA) Lake Okanagan Tiki Bar

Fire Services does not support a temporary expanded area for the Lake Okanagan Tiki Bar for the following reasons:

- **Inadequate egress in the case of fire** – Central Okanagan experienced hot, dry conditions in July and August of 2021. A worse year has been forecasted for 2022. If a brush fire were to start at the beach location, due to the number of people, fire crews would not be able to access the fire and egress for members of the public would be difficult. This beach location was not designed to hold large gatherings or the associated vehicle parking. Egress for the beach is provided in two locations that have grades more than 40 degrees, one being only a single lane. Large numbers of people at this location also increase the risk of fire.

Lake Okanagan Resort over the years has not been upkeep and now consists of several fire code violations, mainly fire separation issues. R.D.C.O. Fire Services is working with Lake Okanagan Resort management to resolve these issues. If a fire were to start in the buildings above the Tiki Bar Beach location (Lakeside Inn 1, Lakeside Inn 2, Terrace 3, Terrace 4) during a busy time this would severely hinder the evacuation of residents as well as fire suppression activities.

- **Increase in first medical calls** – Wilson's Landing Fire Department has attended to several calls at the Beach Club Tiki bar in 2021 for over intoxication and drug overdose.
- **Lake Okanagan Resort beach was not designed for this purpose including inadequate emergency plans** - Lake Okanagan Resort Tiki bar location was not designed for this type of use. The intended purpose of the beach was not to house a recreational area for more than 100 public with food and alcohol including parking. The beach was designed for use by seasonal residents of the Terrace Inn and Lakeside Inn. Lake Okanagan Resort does not have adequate plans in place in the case of an emergency and ingress, egress is inadequate. Okanagan Resort is in a secluded location with ambulance services more than 30 min away.