

DATE: January 16, 2023

REPORT NO: PD-06-2023

SUBJECT: Recommendation Report – Domaine Queylus – 3651 Sixteen Road, Need for Municipal Approval of Temporary Patio for ‘By the Glass’ Operators

CONTACT: Brian Treble, Director of Planning & Building

OVERVIEW:

- On April 8, 2018, Township of West Lincoln Council supported a request for Domaine Queylus for a ‘By the Glass’ license.
- In early summer of 2020, Township of West Lincoln first granted an approval to operate a temporary outdoor patio as triggered by the gradual reopening COVID rules of the day.
- On December 6, 2022, Township Clerks staff received a phone call from Domaine Queylus about the new rules from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). These rules were provided to the Township by the AGCO on November 23rd, 2022.
- Domaine Queylus now requires approval from the Township of West Lincoln for the operation of their outdoor patio for the 2023 season (beginning January 1, 2023) when they operate under a ‘By the Glass’ endorsement.
- This report is written to recommend that Council grant approval of the ‘By the Glass’ temporary patio as currently situated at 3651 Sixteen Road.
- Township Building and By-law staff have been to the site and advise that the patio complies with Building Code regulations and the current site plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, Recommendation Report PD-06-2023, regarding “Domaine Queylus – 3651 Sixteen Road, need for Municipal Approval of Temporary Patio for ‘By the Glass’ Operators”, dated January 16, 2023 be RECEIVED; and,
2. That, Committee and Council hereby approve a temporary patio permit for Domaine Queylus at 3651 Sixteen Road in support of their ‘By the Glass’ endorsement as per new rules by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and that such patio approval apply retroactively to January 1, 2023.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Theme #3 and #4

- Strategic Responsible Growth
- Local Attractions

BACKGROUND:

Township staff and Council have worked closely with Domaine Queylus over the past several years to operate in accordance with the rules of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) including support for a 'By the Glass' endorsement and the temporary patio during COVID. Further, an Official Plan amendment was made to the agricultural policies to better account for and accommodate winery operators. Unfortunately, the rules of AGCO change from time to time and Township staff are not necessarily made aware of such changes in a timely fashion.

CURRENT SITUATION:

On November 23, 2022, AGCO notified the Township of West Lincoln via email of new rules that applied as of 3am on January 1, 2023. On December 6, 2022, Clerks Department staff received a call from Domaine Queylus about the AGCO changes and the fact that as a 'By the Glass' operator they would require approval from the Township of West Lincoln to operate their temporary outdoor patio after January 1, 2023.

On January 11, 2023, Township Building and By-law staff attended to the property and confirmed (see attachment 4 to this report) that the existing temporary patio is in accordance with the Building Code and current approved site plan.

Previously in 2019, Township Council endorsed the operation of Domaine Queylus as a 'By the Glass' operator and also endorsed, during COVID, a temporary outdoor patio.

Staff have no issues granting approval of the temporary outdoor patios for the 2023 calendar year and recommend that Council grant approval retroactively to January 1, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable to this report.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:

Not applicable to this report.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommend that a temporary patio approval be granted in accordance with the current AGCO rules for Domaine Queylus at 3651 Sixteen Road for the 2023 calendar year in support of the 'By the Glass' endorsement and as per current rules of the AGCO as approved in 2022 for the 2023 calendar year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 'By the Glass' Endorsement
2. Approved Site Plan
3. Current AGCO rules
4. Comments – Township of West Lincoln – Building Department

Prepared & Submitted by:



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Approved by:



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