

Following are some questions that have been raised regarding the upcoming vote on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and some answers.

**1. What is bylaw 4-97?**

- a. Bylaw 4-97 states “No business operating at any premises in the town limits of Waldheim may hold a liquor permit.”

**2. Why does bylaw 4-97 exist?**

- Below is a summary of the events leading up to the creation of bylaw 4-97.
  - Spring 1997 - Application made to Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming by Marlene Hlagy for a Permit to authorize License Dining in her restaurant JEMS Café.
  - July 1997 - The town receives a letter from Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming concerning the application and that the town has 30 days to respond if they have an issue with it.
  - August 5, 1997 – Council motion to send a letter back to Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming informing them that the town has no bylaw that prohibits the licensing and not looking at adopting one – motion was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3.
  - September 2, 1997 – Town receives a valid petition requesting the Council to put the matter to a vote of the electors of the town in conjunction with the fall municipal election to be held on October 22, 1997.
  - October 22, 1997 – Vote on the matter held – 198 For/In favor vs 90 Against the adoption of a Bylaw To Prohibit A Business From Holding A Liquor Permit.
  - November 3, 1997 – In response to the results of the vote Council is required to adopt the Bylaw. Council gives Bylaw #4-97 a Bylaw To Prohibit A Business From Holding A Liquor Permit 1st reading. Request made to investigate whether Special Occasion Permits are affected.
  - December 1, 1997 – Bylaw #4-97 a Bylaw To Prohibit A Business From Holding A Liquor Permit given 2nd & 3rd reading and adopted in accordance with Sections 29 & 30 of The Alcohol and Gaming Regulations Act. Special Occasion Permits are not affected by the bylaw.

**2. Why does repealing bylaw 4-97 require a vote?**

- Below is a summary of events leading to the requirement of a vote to repeal bylaw 4-97.
  - January 10, 2005 – Request brought forth by the Economic Development Committee to discuss the matter of Bylaw #4-97 and the possibility of repealing it as it was felt it could hamper future economic growth for the community.
  - February 7, 2005 – Council decision to advertise to the residents that the Council is considering repealing Bylaw #4-97 – Public Notice concerning this published in the February 16 & 23, 2005 edition of the Valley News.
  - March 7, 2005 – Council held open forum for the public to discuss their opinions on the issue. **A valid petition was received against the repeal of the bylaw and that if Council wishes to proceed with it then it be put to a vote.** Council decision not to repeal the bylaw and that no further action would be taken at that time concerning the matter.

**3. Why is council bringing this to a vote at this time?**

- February 13, 2023 - Request brought forth concerning the repeal of Bylaw #4-97. Council decision to advertise to the residents that the Council is considering repealing Bylaw #4-97 and that the matter will be put to a vote on April 12, 2023
- Right now, Waldheim residents are travelling to other communities to make their liquor purchases, and on that same trip, most likely making other purchases that might be offered locally. The majority of council feels that the ability of a local business to offer liquor for sale would be good for that business in particular (making it more viable), but also our business community overall. The intent of repealing this bylaw is to give our Waldheim residents another reason to spend their money locally instead of elsewhere.

**4. What impact does the result of the vote on April 12<sup>th</sup> have on the ability of a local business to sell liquor?**

- If the result is 'Yes'
  - The Town of Waldheim would no longer oppose any business **applying** for a permit to sell liquor.
  - However, those permits are still controlled / issued by Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming, and applicants would have to meet whatever criteria SLGA has in place.
- If the result is 'No'
  - Bylaw 4-97 would remain in effect, and "No business operating at any premises in the town limits of Waldheim may hold a liquor permit."

**5. What impact does the result of the vote on April 12<sup>th</sup> have on the application for Special Occasion Permits? (e.g. Curling Rink Bonspiels, Senior & Rec Hockey Beer Gardens at the Heritage Park, etc.)**

- The vote on April 12<sup>th</sup> will have no impact on the application of Special Occasion Permits
- These Special Occasion Permits will continue to be granted (through SLGA) on a case-by-case basis, just as they have in the past

**6. What impact will a 'Yes' result have on the Quality-Of-Life for Waldheim residents? (NOTE: This question was asked by a resident who believes that the Quality-Of-Life they have in Waldheim is partly because the sale of liquor has not allowed within town limits)**

- Council values as well the Quality-Of-Life Waldheim residents experience. The majority of council does not believe the results of this vote will have any impact on it
- Although not available within town limits, the Waldheim Regional Park located on the outskirts of Waldheim has provided licensed dining to residents of Waldheim for approximately 8 years with no negative impact on Quality-Of-Life
  - NOTE: the original petition in 1997 was to prohibit licensed dining with town limits
- In 2013, the Co-op Food Store began selling liquor in the neighbouring community of Hepburn. In the 10 years since, to our knowledge, there has been no negative impact on the Quality-Of-Life that the residents of Hepburn experience.