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**Subject:** Dave Spencer Memorial Pavilion - serving alcohol

Good afternoon everyone,

I was in contact with Katrina this morning in regards to renting the Dave Spencer Memorial Pavilion for Boog Hepburn's celebration of life on Sunday, October 2nd. The facility is free that day, which is great, but the family would like alcohol as part of this event. Upon reaching out to Katrina about this subject further she informed me that current rules don't allow me as a business (Rhody Family Funeral Home Inc.) from serving alcohol. My business would be renting the facility, obtaining the proper license and insurance, fencing off the area and serving alcohol. I realize Katrina is just the messenger and therefore I have included several members of the council in my request.

I literally did the same thing (celebration of life at the Elmwood Pavilion - with alcohol) a few weeks ago for Dianne Ahrens. In this case, I dealt with the Municipality of Brockton (who have more guidelines than Arran-Elderslie) and ran the event of over 250 people with no issues. I realize the moment alcohol is involved in any event, the risks increase dramatically, however, I struggle to think that what can be done in one community can't be done in the other.

Please know, that I am not looking for differential treatment in this request. Our staff has smart serve, I would fence off the entire area as to keep the alcohol in the desired area, and have more than enough insurance to cover the Municipality's needs. Honestly, I see myself as no different than a caterer or restaurant (whom I understand can serve alcohol in the pavilion) in this situation. Likewise, to think that this event is the equivalent risk to the Municipality as Julyfest or even the Legion fundraiser of a few weeks ago, would be absurd.

The pavilion is a fabulous asset within our community and the last thing I want to do is direct families elsewhere depending on their wishes. Add a surcharge for alcohol, or create additional rules that make it more difficult for people to achieve permission to proceed... but to just say no to anyone other than a caterer or service club just seems wrong in my opinion.

Obviously, I would be more than happy to come to council to talk about this topic further or would even volunteer to help spearhead what should or should not be included if alcohol was to be included in a rental. However, these discussions will not help the Hepburn family and our planning for October 2nd.

Unfortunately in this circumstance, I need an answer fairly quickly as it will likely dictate where the event is held. Therefore, if I could ask for an answer (either way) in this situation by Monday (September 12th) I would appreciate it.

Thank you!

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