

Project overview

In response to public desire expressed in the Parks and Pathways Bylaw Engagement, Calgary Parks wanted to explore allowing liquor consumption at picnic sites in Calgary Parks. Allowed liquor use in parks would be strictly for picnic sites only, as per AGLC regulations which indicate liquor can only be consumed at assigned, designated picnic site, and can only be consumed with food.

Verbatim Comments

A What we Heard Report can be found [here](#). All of the comments below are verbatim as received. The comments are divided into questions asked. They are unedited, including spelling, grammar, use of contractions, etc. The only exception is where there is profanity or personally identifying information, this is indicated in brackets.

Due to a large volume of comments, this is document four of four.

Q6: Do you have any comments or concerns regarding consumption of liquor at designated picnic sites in parks?

- This is opening up a whack of problems, and I am a drinker. For sure there are going to be teen parties that get out of control and ruin it for the families out for a picnic. For sure there will be less desirables getting drunk and passing out in the park.
- Eliminating drinking and driving should be a priority
- I think the ones who abuse this would already be operating out of the legal boundaries anyway. I doubt if it would cause a problem.
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- Enforcement of the requirements will be very difficult and will likely become complaint based. By the time a complaint is registered and action can be taken the outing is already ruined.
- potential Increase in abuse of alcohol and in combination of other drugs could pose increased transportation and policing issues.
- Liquor should be required to be placed in a plastic glass/cup, not from cans or bottles. Would help to avoid broken glass.
- Huge concerns. Alcohol is a major issue in society. We don't need to make it a bigger issue by allowing public consumption.
- This is a bad idea.
- We should focus on deterring disorderly conduct, drinking and driving, and garbage management rather than prohibiting drinking all together. It would be great to encourage the outdoors in a city that has so much green space but very little to do in it.

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- please dont allow this. children will be at risk
- No concerns at all - remember all the hoopla before cannabis consumption became legal? No issues came from that.
- I am not in favour of this. It is another example of where people are breaking a rule that we can't enforce so we make it legal. Parks should be free of liquor so my kids don't have to put up with the outcomes.
- If there are any problems with drunkenness or loud parties, current laws should be able to deal with that. That occasionally happens already.
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- It is unsafe
- Yes, just unsafe for everyone
- as above
- No, about time we look irresponsible at these changes. Alcohol and marijuana are both legal and taxed drugs, why make it so difficult to consume them.
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- I think the risk of abuse or at the very least inconsideration is high. A lot of campsites are loud/obnoxious for this very reason.
- Vandalism, fighting, along with smoking cigarettes and dope, loud music. This is not what we want our children to be exposed to.
- would like hard alcohol to be banned and only beer and coolers allowed at extra cost for a alcohol in park permit
- How do we monitor/enforce intoxication in parks that rarely have officers.
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- If you are going to allow alcohol you should allow Cannabis use. Cannabis use does not make people aggressive, it makes them kinder, yet alcohol makes people aggressive and disorderly. There is also much less waste generated by Cannabis use.
- Liquor in parks will not improve the atmosphere for most residents and will result in an increase in unruly behaviour
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- Increased drinking and driving. bbincreased
- People already do it and i haven't noticed any huge concern, making sure there are enough recycling bins available.
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- Yes, there are many areas of concern regarding this as stated in above questions.

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- No real concerns
- No
- Liquor is probably being consumed now so why not make it legal.
- This would make it that much harder for police to enforce already existing bylaws, broken glass everywhere. Families should be able to go to a public park without alcohol and it's nasty after effects.
- No
- Many countries already allow this. Creates less stigma.
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- no concerns
- Parks are family areas. They don't need to see drunken idiots running around. Kids today are exposed to enough.
- Make sure enough refuse containers and washrooms are available
- Please don't do this. It opens the door up for all sorts of things to be added....who knows what would be next.
- Time to wake up and let the common folk enjoy the privilege that a few groups have got away with for years.
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- Only concern I have would be there is always going to be that one person who gets drunk , in moderation it would be great
- I think that people should be able to go to any park in this city without having to worry about drinking and disorderly conduct. There are always ones to spoil it for others by going too far.
- Let's do it!
- There are a million places to drink alcohol please leave our parks family friendly!!!!
- Why would we open our family parks to alcohol? Folks should drink at home or in already designated areas.
- perhaps accidental impaired driving, not much education on the effects of a 9% beer compared to a 5% beer. More vagrants looking for empty containers.
- How do you not see that this is a horrible idea? We need to be safe in our park spaces and you cannot guarantee that when you add alcohol to the mix.
- Over indulgence, garbage, aggressive behaviour by some. Should have cannabis consumption sites if this does pass.
- Drinking and driving
- No
- It's about time

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- People drink in parks already and most people don't notice it.
- Totally unnecessary! Just leading to one big outdoor party, with police involved. My tax dollars would be better spent shutting down gangs, and drug operations.
- Don't think it's necessary
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- Policing will be an issue, enforcement on a complaint basis is too late.
- People are doing this anyways.
- Look at Europe
- I don't have any concerns
- The people who would abuse alcohol in parks are most likely already abusing alcohol in parks.
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- Not at this time.
- Yes, give a little and people will take a lot. We don't have the manpower to constantly monitor these sites and penalize those who are drunk and out of control and what's to stop people from drinking in other public areas.
- people do stupid thing when drinking
- It is opening a door that will have irreversible consequences. Creating monitoring of people's behaviour to those who are not in authority to do so. I foresee huge issues and problems consuming alcohol is not necessary
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- I don't drink. I smoke cannabis in parks and sidewalks, which is allowed in Edmonton. (I've been doing so, with a couple of 10-year breaks, for 50 years. Now because of legalization I have to look over my shoulder.
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- With the new liquor laws in effect it will make it easy for the police to wait outside park and target anyone who leaves the parks. It will create problems. Alcohol will create drunken behavior. Might as well open same parks to pot smokers.
- I think this is a wonderful initiative. It would be a small step for Calgary but a big one for Europeans who live in the city. I can also see a great potential in developing a beer garden in the Eau Claire area as it would attract more people to downtown.
- I am not sure why liquor is required to have a good time in our parks and picnic areas. If there is liquor consumption in parks how do these people get home. Drinking and driving is a concern.
- Why does the City have to encourage negative activities like drinking and cannabis use? Why not encourage positive activities for a change? There is no reason to spend any more time on this topic - Council should spend time on our declining economy.

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- I think the city is not considering the huge number of people battling the disease of alcoholism. This is a mental health issue and the fact that you have no compassion for these people says nothing for the city and its support of mental health
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- Addictions, cultural & racial profiling, entitlements, exclusivity, inclusivity, age & health restrictions, financing & staffing the monitoring & enforcement.
- I feel that allowing liquor at City parks would have additional positive effects on tourism, and possibly in future, public cannabis consumption.
- quit telling people what to do all the time...its 2019
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- No concerns. It is just hidden now.
- Washrooms MUST be ON THE SAME SITE
- Let adults make their own responsible choices without interference of government. Being a good neighbor and responsible use is key and achievable in this City.
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- No concerns. Normalizing alcohol consumption I believe will curb issues around it.
- People would NOT be responsible, some word, however the vast of people will not. It's a safety issue, glass, garbage, drunks walking around bother families. Not too offend however the homeless, there is already a issue, I've experienced this.
- Australia has no restrictions on alcohol consumption while picnicing. They even provide BBQ facilities. As a result, family picnics are far more common than in Canada. It actually makes the parks even more family friendly with many group events.
- Not really,as long as people are responsible with the amount that they drink
- There's no harm in being able to have a drink or 2 in a park. People who over indulge are going to do so anyway whether they are doing it in a bar or in a park. Most know their limits and are well behaved.
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- I heard the proposal on the radio driving in and felt a voice of common sense is required, when I saw Q5 I nearly fell off my chair! The cost of police enforcement will supersede the revenue for parks...but that's another dept right! Terrible idea Parks!
- If people can't go without a drink for a few hours, I think they have other issues.
- It's already happening. It happens around the world. Let's become the progressive city that we like to think we are.
- Not more than anywhere else.
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- I have no concerns as long as it is kept with in moderation

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- If initiated and abuse happens, it's difficult to reverse.
- This proposal is absurd. What's next "How do you feel about nude bathing in select and secluded areas along our river systems".
- All I can say is that people already drink in city parks. If people say otherwise then they just need to open their eyes.
- I think if you want to keep picnic places as family oriented, there should be no drinking allowed. People drinking lose their inhibitions and behave in ways they normally wouldn't. Do we really want this in our parks?
- everywhere else in the world is allowed to drink at picnic area in the park. Why not Canada? When visitors from other countries come to visit us and we invite to the park and tell them they can't drink it seems really odd for them and for us too. Approve!
- It would be a great idea if everybody drank responsibly. Unfortunately those who would choose to drink in parks would be the ones who are not responsible. If you need to drink, just stay home. No one is going to take a cab with their BBQ, & picnic gear.
- No
- Bad drunks
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- There may be an increase in garbage being left behind.
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- It only makes sense
- The people who want to smoke-tobacco and pot and kat or whatever else outside in public have an addiction and are really sick. They are driving up health care costs for the public purse.
- As long as it's done responsibly, with food and there are park rangers checking in from time to time on people (as they do now anyways) it's fine
- I don't understand why the City would consider opening the parks to more problems, for example, leaving half drank bottles of liquor and our homeless population getting a hold of it/as well as our addiction people
- just that there might be more littering and people that abuse it.
- With blood alcohol levels now at .05, why would you drink in a park and then drive home.
- It doesn't make sense that government controls what we do with ourselves. It's not fair to abuse another person but to consume alcohol or cannabis or eat too much is someone's personal choice.
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- how many more deaths do you want to see as a result of drinking and driving?
- No. Police should monitor parks anyway. If they see something wrong then they can intervene. Why should responsible adults pay price for those who aren't? Give it a try for 1 yr and see how it goes.
- No, current laws should keep it in check

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- My concern is the policing of these areas. Whenever there are any kind of restrictions, such as in on-leash dog parks, speed control on our streets, littering, people disregard them and go beyond what is allowed. Are bylaw officers able to handle abuses?
- Yes—how can you drive to a park, drink, then drive home under the influence of alcohol ?
- I have all the concerns listed in question 2 and more.
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- My concern is that this would open up parks to excessive drinking/rawdy behaviour. It would push families out of family friendly locations, plus it would increase drug use aswell.
- Entrapment by CPS
- I think this will be a good thing. Once the initial novelty of it goes away I doubt there will be much difference to how picnic are used currently.
- No
- This is long overdue
- Allow liquor in parks. We live in a civilization. Lets be Civilized
- Nope.
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- No! Get it done and put us into the 21st century.
- There will always be those that find a way to be irresponsible and cause damage or be inappropriate. Those types of people are going to drink in public whether it is legal to do so or not. Give those of us that are responsible an opportunity to have fun.
- We already have laws and by-laws regulated anti-social behaviour. The potential negative externalities caused by permitting liquor in parks will be mostly non-existent, and easily manageable.
- This idea is not a good one and will not benefit anyone! This is a waste of time for City Council and tax payer dollars! Can't believe The City of Calgary is wasting it's time and our money on another ridiculous idea!
- you are opening up major headaches, law suits against the city, drinking and driving, exposing to children, we have designated places for this and should be kept there.
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- Let people enjoy nature. We don't need alchohol or pot to enjoy.
- No
- Common sense should prevail at all times
- While the majority could handle this, it is the jerk factor and extra costs that makes this proposal unmanageable. Undesirable activities and policing issues will result. Don't do it. You don't need drugs or alcohol to have fun in a park.
- No
- DO NOT PASS THIS LEGISLATION!

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- This is long over due, and should be expanded beyond picnic sites. This is a model that has successfully worked throughout Europe for years.
- Look into drinking in other park without picnic tables.
- It already happens, let's just accept it. If people get rowdy, crack down appropriately. There's laws in place for this already. Who cares if that soda is a beer.
- There are many concerns with liquor being consumed in public places. Drinking and driving, disorderly conduct,
- No concerns, try the pilot project if people respect the guidelines great if not I guess our drinking laws to date have been too strict and when loosened people go overboard like college kids in the United States.
- No
- Just hope people will not go overboard with the drinking, but they would at a bar or home if that's their style.
- Just that people respect our public areas and clean up after themselves.
- I think it should not be allowed within 100m of parks that are primarily used by children (ie playgrounds with play equipment)
- No. People are drinking inappropriately now. Adding appropriate use to parks makes it a better reflection of our society. Social gatherings with wine and beer are a huge part of Canada.
- We need to stop the purity culture control from prohibition times and get with the times. Restriction doesn't help.
- No
- It happens all over the world in other civilized countries already. There should be no concern as long as it's about people sitting down and having a drink with a picnic.
- Increase advertising of alternatives to drunk driving
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- People getting drunk and acting stupid
- Stop forcing Canadians into a nanny state. Europe isn't crumbling apart and their social systems falling into dispair. Let people be responsible for their own actions and decisions
- Although I do drink alcohol occasionally, there is no net social benefit to it. I don't see any benefit to expanding the areas that it can be consumed.
- I worry only about broken glass that could hurt children or Parks workers.
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- I don't think this should be allowed
- This should be a no-brainer for the city. Allow consumption of alcohol at public parks, regardless of they have designated picnic sites. If you've ever been to Paris you'd know that it's not an issue.

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- Yes, as listed in Question 2...irresponsible people will spoil this for everyone by leaving excess litter, poor behaviour, driving after consuming alcohol.
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- Regardless of whether it's a public park, home or bar, it's still the responsibility of the consumer to behave in the proper manner. That said, a bar is held accountable if a person drives drunk. Would need to find out liability to City in the park case
- Go camping in a campground where people are consuming liquor and form your own opinion. We also have homeless people who "live" in many city parks. Confrontations are inevitable when alcohol is added to the mix.
- Littering should still be dealt with accordingly. Disturbing other park visitors should not be tolerated.
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- Why would you need to book a picnic site to do this, that's paranoid oversight
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- People must keep their [removed] together. Having fun sure. Being a sloth, no thankyou.
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- .. Seriously, once in a while beer and/or weed gardens I understand, but why do we need constant consumption of liquor?
- just that it should be extended to disc golf parks as they are already being used as alcohol consumption parks... like golf courses
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- Obnoxious drunks, disorderly conduct, harassment by drunks, drinking and driving
- I believe our liquor laws regarding consuming liquor outside are too strict overall. We should move towards a European model; it works in Europe and there are no concerns.
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- My only comment is to remember that we are talking about the increasing choice.
- I am not sure why we have such backward thinking in this country. Here it seems that we like to punish the masses for the bad actions of a few. If people are misbehaving then charge them, don't punish people who just want to enjoy a drink with their meal.
- Drinking with food, booking, and within park hours seems very reasonable, and I think discourages unwanted/irresponsible use. I don't see any new problems that don't already exist with current drinking geography.
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- Bad enough dealing with drunks camping in provincial parks
- Yes. This should have been permitted a long time ago.
- I think this is a great idea! Finally catching up with the rest of the world.
- Thanks for being progressive in our modern society!

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- Add facilities for recycling. Rules and laws already exist to punish those who break the liquor laws - don't need a ton of debate on this one.
- Simply provide the necessary bins and recycle close by so that the waste is handled keeping the glass and cans off the ground and the sites tidy
- It seems to me that this is really around people operating like adults in public; since enforcement is already difficult, ensuring that people understand what behaviors are appropriate (namely, not getting annihilated in a public park) is critical.
- how do you ensure it stays in the designated sites? how would you stop overflow.
- My only concerns would be ensuring there are enough bathrooms and recycling around so that no additional mess is created.
- There was talk about allowing it on 17th ave/ Steven Ave. Why not have it where people can actually be active.
- My concerns are all of the reasons I checked above.
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- Make sure there are easily identifiable receptacles for bottle/can recycling nearby to prevent littering.
- Don't do it unless you want our parks to have a terrible reputation
- No.
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- None.
- I think it's a great idea. This occurs in many places around the world without issue.
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- There may need to be an increase in Peace Officer presence if this regulation is passed.
- We have a resource-strained police force as it is. The community does not need more high people wandering to/from/around parks consuming substances, nor does it need tax dollars spent on this. If you have staff around to do this you have too much staff
- Consuming alcohol, often leads to people getting drunk. A picnic area that is used by families with children should not be subjected to people who are under the influence of alcohol. These people are often belligerent, offensive and sometimes violent.
- Legalize alcohol consumption in all public areas without the requirement of picnic tables or food consumption. If I want to sit by the river and enjoy a beer on a sunny day, I should be able to legally.
- No
- Liquor has so many negative associations and as such is largely restricted in where it is sold and consumed. I think that if we encourage and create opportunity for responsible use, liquor loses some of this destructive power it currently holds.
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- Liquor should be kept in pubs, restaurants, and private residences
- As with all rules, there are going to be people that break them, but I think the majority of people will be responsible with alcohol consumption
- I LOVE this idea. Calgary is one of the best places to live. We're trying to attract new talent to the city and we have to be willing to make adjustments like this to be more appealing and compete with other international cities.
- I think "liquor" should include ONLY beer and wine. Not spirits.
- I hope Cannabis is next.
- Yes. I should not be allowed.
- Great idea! Looking forward to the pilot!
- Having visited parks in Europe I was initially surprised to see people enjoying wine and beer while visiting with friends and family - I think we should allow this. Prepare for periodic issues with a few idiots but for most will enhance the experience.
- several - normalizing use, increased harms and costs across health, justice, limited ability to enforce
- The status quo should be maintained. If alcohol is allowed that would be a slippery slope toward allowing cannabis as well. I am not in favor of allowing either.
- simply having the proper receptacles available for recycling
- No
- Just that it doesn't make sense to restrict it to picnic sites only.
- I would like to know how often the police charge people now for doing it. I've not seen a problem but maybe there is.
- Yes. This will increase accidents and crime rate in the city. This is so obvious. This will be a new drug den, the parks.
- Safety concerns as mentioned in the question above.
- No
- Yes, don't make it restrictive.
- Drunk and disorderly conduct.
- Mostly if picnic sites get used as party sites and things get rowdy
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- WASPs drowning out any legitimate debate about liquor usage in the parks
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- Damage to facilities fire problems and trash
- None. It's done in most of Europe with phenomenal success.
- with today's cell phones then just like you are asking for people to report bad drivers then why not the same with this.
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- No. Open it up to all parks spaces, or all public spaces in general!
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- This is a back door plan to allow marijuana consumption in public parks and will open a whole can of worms. I have lived in a country that allows uncontrolled public liquor consumption and Serra
- I don't believe it is necessary for liquor to be allowed at picnic sites in parks.
- Business owners and workers MUST have their alberta Proserver to work with alcohols, this will circumvent why Proserve is in place. Please refer to note in your point 4.
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- See comments above, additionally how much budget does the city have to increase EMS, security guards, install more toilets and additional food and medical to be available for intoxicated patrons, peace officers, cleaning and maintenance crews, etc.
- Allow weed too!
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- I do recommend some kind of waiver about responsible consumption and being respectful for the environment. For example, if you get rowdy or if there is an assumption of overconsumption, a park officer can request you to leave the site.
- Concerns about public drunkenness behaviour, damage to the park, disruption to other users and garbage/litter. Concerns about drinking and driving and City liability for injuries and damage
- I do not think this is a good idea, it does promote drinking and driving. I believe we do have laws similar to those walking under the influence! These are public areas for everyone to enjoy!!!!
- Allowing liquor at city parks is the back door entrance to marijuana being allowed into city parks.
- Worried about additional trash - there should be recycling
- Yes, obviously there will need to be enforcement officers to ensure proper behavior.
- As long as people were being respectful, i think it is a great idea. This sort of policy would still be seen as outrageously restrictive in many other countries.
- I've lived in a number of cities around the globe and Canada/Calgary has the most restricting laws/bylaws. This limits a laid back and tolerant environment and visitors see us as "squares". Overregulation enables entitled behaviours.
- I think it's a great idea
- Are you crazy! I drink (at home, responsibly or out with a designated driver), not where children play. These people are going to drink and drive in park and playground areas where there are children, I cannot believe you are being this stupid.
- Will city have \$ to hire ppl to contain those w outrageous behaviour? How quick the response time? Cld city just allow ppl who quietly/unobtrusively consume alcohol to do so, thus those who may wish to act irresponsibly looking over shoulders/quieted?r
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- No.
- Nothing apart from what was already mentioned.
- I think that the designated areas should be periodically monitored by law enforcement or bylaw officials to ensure that public safety is maintained
- Works in Quebec (or at least Montreal). Use that as a model to start?
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- Let's join the civilized world! This is a great idea, I don't think it will lead to too many adverse effects, at least not more than now with those who drink liquor covertly.
- Allow consumption of alcohol at all parks and along 17th ave, maybe even stephen ave. Lets modernise this city and allow for enjoyable public spaces. The people who cause problems are already drinking in public, i dont see any negatives from allowing it
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- proper bins for disposal of bottles and cans.
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- Drunk drivers. Alcoholics that can't control their liquor intake. Drinking lowers inhibitions putting people especially children at risk
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- Im concerned the city will find a way to make this ineffective, or actively try to sabotage it, like they did for public cannabis consumption sites.
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- There is no need for alcohol to be consumed in Parks.
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- The groups that want to go to a park and get drunk and obnoxious are already doing that. And that type of behaviour would still be enforced. I have no concerns with Calgarians having a couple drinks with their picnics.
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- No concerns.
- Just that I hope people would clean up their bottles. There will always be problems associated with those who act irresponsibly. I'm willing to risk it to become a more liberal city. It would be good for tourism too.
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- No.
- No.

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- None, make it happen yesterday.
- Great to see forward thinking by the City - Impressed this is up for discussion
- This is a stupid idea with zero benefit to Calgarians. Council would be well advised to spend their time on more productive and worthwhile endeavours.
- No.
- I think people can be responsible with liquor as they are anywhere else in the city. As long as people are respectful and clean up their trash and make sure they have a safe way to get home I think it would be a great change to the city.
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- I think it's going to start to draw more homeless and lower income people because people will leave behind bottles or not fully emptied bottles.
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- I assume that the sites will need to be policed, at least for a while until people get used to the new freedom.
- 30 years of policing says this is a bad idea. Also, take into consideration the new impaired driving laws. Talk about mixed signals.
- Would need to have some tight rules around it - limit how many people can be at the gathering. Don't want this to become a free-for all situation. I believe most people will treat this program with the respect it deserves.
- I think it would be a very positive change to see. A test run would help determine the pros and cons in Calgary.
- I believe this to be relatively low risk. I believe it is happening informally now and this just provides the means to formalize the practice without fear of fine. Enforcement should be enhanced in pilot areas to ensure proper compliance/respect.
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- Does need to be oversight to ensure behaviour of those consuming alcohol doesn't effect others trying to enjoy parks
- It's ridiculous that it's even being brought up. Everything bad that happens usually involves alcohol.
- None
- Please do not making booking in advance a requirement.
- Will there be (more) recycle bins on site? Or will people be encouraged to pack out their empties, to reduce the likelihood of people digging in garbage to get refundable containers?
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- The only concern is the small percentage of users that may abuse the policy and be disrespectful and cause a disturbance or leave a mess.

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- Yes. Why do we have to have drinking everywhere to enjoy ourselves? I drink BTW. Many of my friends are alcoholics (we are around 50). I think this message that to enjoy ourselves we need to be drinking is promoting unhealthy lifestyles.
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- no
- Ever been to a Stampeder or Calgary Flames game? Most people can enjoy with one or two drinks or not partaking in liquor consumption, however there are many who one or two, or perhaps six or seven, too many drinks. Not a good place for children.
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- No - People are always concerned of bad behaviours but general public is not the issue most of time and bad behaviours are happening right now; lets let good citizen some freedom to enjoy the green space. It will also provide a frame to stop bad behaviour
- Due to the fact that parks are majority used by children and families- parks should not allow liquor usage. There would be a lack of oversight and supervision which could lead to very detrimental impacts to the parks. Really no positives out of it.
- No
- Time for city council to evolve past the prohibition era of the USA
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- Leave the law as it stands. People have ample opportunity to drink at home, in restaurants, and in bars. Keep public space free from intoxicating substances of all kinds, especially spaces that welcome children.
- No. Adults should be trusted to be responsible.
- Some people cannot be trusted to conduct themselves in a responsible manner when consuming alcohol. Police have enough to do without having to respond to unruly picnickers.
- Make sure the city has proper infrastructure to make recycling and cleaning easy. People on the liquor can be a bit messier, so make it easy!
- No
- Again. All green spaces should allow it like Montreal. It's amazing to see so many families in there parks enjoying the space like it's a private back yard.
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- Public consumption DOES NOT EQUAL public disturbance. Those who are disturbing the public are doing so anyway - this will serve to get more people out enjoying city infrastructure, getting to know their neighbours, and being more present.
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- I think allowing this at designated sites is a positive step for the social landscape of Calgary.
- enforcement will always be a limited resource. why add more responsibilities to their duties? Why is there a need for liquor in parks? Can't society enjoy parks without liquor?
- If this moves forward, it should be all or nothing. Allowing consumption only at certain locations becomes overly difficult to understand and enforce. Again, this shouldn't require increased bylaw. Those that abuse it are likely already doing so anyway.
- This is a bad idea. Unless the city is prepared to pay for bouncers/ security at every park it should not be approved. We have much more important things that need to be figured out. How is this even a thing to consider.
- Not really in favour of it. Will be abused by certain groups unless monitored
- I think some care needs to be taken to make sure that liquor isn't shared with minors. There's less control in a public space where people have brought their own liquor, rather than at a restaurant where there is some control over who is served liquor.
- Nope. This is long overdue.
- How will this be controlled so that consumption does not increase in non-designated areas?
- no
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- This is long overdue. It is however incumbent upon us to ensure that we live up to a mature and responsible standard of alcohol use in public.
- It works fine in Europe.
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- It would be nice to have extra garbage and recycling containers at sites where liquor could be consumed.
- Absolutely no concerns. Public drunkenness is covered under existing laws. Many adults live in Calgary that can be trusted to behave like adults if they're allowed to drink in public.
- If you open consumption to only some picnic sites in only some parks, you're making the rules harder to enforce than they already are. I think this should be an all or nothing approach, rather than confuse the issue- and the public - with additional rules
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- I think it is a terrible idea and the city is asking for trouble.
- Riley Park, Confederation Park, and Tuxedo Park would all be appropriate sites. But hurry up and legalize it city wide already.

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- The negative and sometimes even devastating impact of alcohol on society is so monumental that we shouldn't allow drinking outside of homes. Think of all the A.A. people trying to get their lives back. Make some A.A. friends, then decide this!
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- No.
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- No concerns, just hopeful it will be allowed.
- littering and increased trash in general.
- As I indicated above, do not limit it to "designated picnic sites" with tables. Allow it generally as long as it is consumed with food.
- Already are issues with beer drinking at ball fields, including need for portapotties as a result (way to go 'adult' softball), and families leaving picnic areas b/c of groups hanging out drinking in the same park area, approaching people for cigs/beer.
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- The only reason I can see putting designated sites is so bylaw and CPS can know where the drinking is happening to watch it. However, that doesn't mean others won't drink all over the park.
- Just the garbage.
- Many countries have done this successfully. I believe the majority of people would be respectful and those that won't are the ones that are a nuisance now, that won't change. Look at the change in liquor laws for stampede and world cup. No problems!!
- There will always be people who break the rules. There will be times where people become disorderly if liquor is allowed but it should be isolated instances.
- People over doing it (over consuming) - enforcement can become tricky. Plus, after-hours use can lead to problems.
- These sort of restrictions are puritanical, originally based on the beliefs of a few people, imposed on everyone. Let everyone live as they'd like. If someone is out of hand, call the police. That already happens anyway.
- No I dont.
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- Parks in general have a large number of children. so driving after consuming liquor at the park and potential accidents in parking lot may increase
- Like it is in Quebec, I feel alcohol should be allowed to be consumed in public parks during a meal.
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- Please dont allow this
- Opening parks to liquor consumption would be a precursor to allowing cannabis consumption in parks and I don't agree with this.
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- My only concern would that it would embolden our homeless population to drink more in public, they do anyway but they may think it gives them licence to do so even through you can't be drunk in public even if this bylaw is passed.
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- There would be no control over type of liquor and over consumption. The lack of control could extend to areas where liquor is not allowed. For example, consume in playground area and then claim an "honest mistake" occurred.
- Yes, I think it increases risks. I think drinking at campsites where they intend to stay the night is okay but do believe it should be contained within a certain area.
- No more the the usual of people alcohol. People who will over consume will do so with or with out being aloud to.
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- I spent some time in London last summer and we had a group of us buy drinks and food and played frisbee in a park. It was very enjoyable and we didn't disturb anyone.
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- If consumption is allowed, require increased clarity and enforcement of rules re disorderly behaviour and excessive use.
- Bad idea!
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- No
- yes i live downtown and the parks are filled with people who do drugs, consume alchol and are very aggressive and mean already EVERY Day. Nothing is done about these people. just becasue they do in other countries does not mean we have to!
- Allowing drinking in parks would help to elevate Calgary further as a progressive city that's more desirable to live in. I believe that keeping it unlawful to drink in parks is an unnecessary control that is difficult to enforce anyway.
- no way you can say liquor yes and marijuanna noeventually
- Yes
- No.

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- I believe this opportunity is good for economy and for social aspect. With more liberal rules on drinking it might showcase to younger individuals that social drinking is accepted. Also, could reduce the amount of binge drinking when individual reach age.
- No concerns
- I believe that most people will abide by the rules. But there are always the very few that tend to misuse or abuse a system. Have bylaw monitor the trial parks and have a hit list of people who could no longer get permits for site.
- No. I am more concerned that some people are not able to enjoy a beer or glass of wine outside on a lovely day with family and friends. Many city residents live in apartment buildings and don't have access to backyards. Allowing liquor encourages density.
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- should be fines for disorderly behaviour. but give Calgarians a chance.
- Safety concerns of broken glass. Not enough recycle bins for empties. Lack of public transit so folks don't drink and drive. Idiots who will take advantage and ruin it for the rest of us.
- . there should be no need to 'designate' . all picnic sites should allow bverages of every kind . and for that mater, whym ust a meal in a park require a 'picnic site' unless it involves cooking something? Calgary is excessively rule driven on everything
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- There should be adequate signage and education about the rules otherwise people will take advantage of this. Also, I think there needs to be appropriate disposal options for empty containers
- the UK, Europe, and other countries have allowed alcohol consumption for decades with no adverse results.
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- I think this is a great idea, very forward thinking on the City's part. There will be some people who will abuse the privilege however that can be said of any alcohol related event. The majority of people respect rules and regulations concerning booze.
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- My fear is this is the top of a slippery slope that will lead to cannabis consumption in public areas.
- We need to observe the impact going forward, and make sure police patrol is done appropriately to discourage any increase in broken bottles or excessive drunkenness (which can already be a problem).
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- Nope, all parks should allow consuming of liquor regardless of having a picnic site.
- I can see how enforcement might be a problem. But most people are responsible so I don't think there will be more problems than there already are with drinking in parks.
- No, I don't believe allowing this will result in any disorderly behaviour. I think a lot of people drink socially at picnic sites already, and just hope they aren't detected. This would alleviate any guilt they feel.
- No concerns - I fully agree
- I think, as a woman, it would make me think twice about going to parks that implement this alone for a walk or run
- If people want to consume liquor they can do so on their own property... I do not need to see a bunch of drunk people when I go to the park.
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- I think this is a bad idea. We don't allow open liquor in Calgary and shouldn't start now with daytime drinking in parks.
- There is already liquor consumption, even though it isn't legal, at picnic sites in parks. This isn't being controlled by the city, so why make the problem worse by encouraging more liquor consumption? It's shocking that Council wastes time on this idea.
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- People drink all the time at parks for picnics, I don't think it would make a big difference making this allowed going forward
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- no
- Nope
- No, I believe people who would take advantage of this will do it whether it be legal or not
- I have major concerns regarding liquor at parks, from rowdy groups to garbage and drinking and driving.
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- Disorderly conduct, Especially in front of children. Glass on play grounds
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- there needs to be checks throughout the park to ensure alcohol is being consumed responsibly
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- Science tells us that alcohol causes cancer and is also implicated in diabetes, heart disease and many other diseases. I am outraged that city council would entertain such an outrageous idea. The cancer rate is rising explosively, we are spending billions

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- Drinking and driving is still illegal, I feel like the minority of people would use this as an excuse to become disorderly and/or drink and drive. How does one police parks, when generally there is very little police presence in large parks in Calgary.
- People need to learn how to have fun without alcohol/ weed ! I feel sorry for this next generation
- No. No different than having a drink in the bar. We all have to be responsible wherever liquor is consumed.
- no.
- No
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- I would be VERY disappointed in my Councillors if they voted to let liquor in public parks. It will cause more drinking and driving and other dangerous activities. If you allow liquor, then you need to include Cannabis and I am against that also
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- No, just the ones selected above
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- No
- About time
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- Let's be real, people already drink on picnic sites at parks. By legalizing this, more resources can be allocated to controlling it.
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- I would be concerned about the effect it would have on the neighborhood. We have a bottle depot and liquor store in close proximity and I fear a park where you could drink would create an unsavory triangle.
- Should be available at all sites (requiring payment or not).
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- No concern
- I think certain problem areas should be avoided. There are issues around public intoxication downtown, and these rules would potentially be abused by homeless populations.
- It's funny that the city won't allow Cannabis consumption in parks but want to allow alcohol. Neither should be allowed.
- Wouldn't want to see an increase in homeless people
- I fear misconduct by some individuals. example drinking and floating/ driving
- Allowing liquor in public is a terrible idea. We have enough drunk/stoned people wandering around as is.
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- Only concern is people consuming too much and losing control.
- We need to get to current date. We are living in dark ages.
- Education is require to emphasize respect for others and adhering to laws
- Increased work for the police force
- There are always those that misuse. Litter, over-drinking, partying would be a concern as we use these areas with our children
- Need to be heavily monitored. It works in Europe because their general attitude allows for this, because this is a new introduction here, younger crowd might get carried away.
- recycling of cans and bottles
- Bowness park is already extremely overused during the summer months I believe this would lead to further misuse of the park. More vehicles parked on medians and garbage concerns (over flowing garbage/ trash on the grounds) user disrespect for environment
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- Is a great idea
- i wont be visiting one that does
- I do not see how groups that will misuse liquor will be identified and feel that allowing liquor in the parks will be used by irresponsible groups.
- Please try to avoid it if we can.
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- Maintain security vigilance and deal with trouble makers.
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- I would be worried about increased erratic behaviour. People could get on each other's nerves more easily. Not sure it's the best environment for kids to be in. If everyone was responsible -
- This would likely extend to TCH consumption down the road and would be regressive to public enjoyment of our parks
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- YES! Drinking/Driving; juxtaposition to children playing in park and in playgrounds; ability of city to police and enforce related bylaws as there are numerous, more important things our police should be doing; broken glass; liability for city
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- No.
- People abusing this and drinking too much and drinking and driving
- No

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- there are too many risks to society to go ahead with this.
- My only concern would be the potential of people drinking and driving (over the limit). If police surveillance is required at the beginning of this pilot, that would be appropriate. Otherwise, drinking responsibly will eventually be part of the culture.
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- No
- I am concerned that this would add an additional burden to an already very busy police service.
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- Public intoxication is against the law. I seriously do not want to go to the park and have to deal with drunks, and I don't think the police service wants to either.
- No
- This is an extremely bad idea.
- The people that may get unruly or cause problems probably consume alcohol at picnic sites already, so no other concerns.
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- I do not.
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- If you guys end up allowing alcohol, you should also allow cannabis. It is arguably far less dangerous than alcohol.
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- described above
- Yes as it exposes kids and young adults to early liquor drinking as well as sexual assaults can grow exponentially
- Treat as same status in the public places
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- none.
- It would be a great addition and benefit to the city
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- If people want to consume liquor, they can go to a pub. There're not so many places for family picnic, why make the picnic sites not suitable for family?
- People are already drinking at pubs and restaurants, campground sites. Why not at picnic sites in the city?

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- Let's do this! People do it anyways, so at least this way you can be more open about expected behaviour (i.e. don't get too wasted) and rules around cleaning your site when you're done. It's no different than a campground full of families and diverse ppl.
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- Mostly cleanliness and enforcement of behaviour standards. Hence why I think it should be employed at major parks so the city can focus their efforts on doing a few parks well versus many parks poorly.
- Please enforce current laws.
- I don't think you need alcohol at parks, having a picnic for a few hours do you really need a drink, stay home if you want to drink!
- Are people that desperate for alcohol that they need to consume while in a public park? If they are, there are plenty of other legal places they can drink. Not in my park please!!
- I would be concerned about safety, as well as under age public drinking. It seems to me that it is easier to enforce a complete ban rather than monitor age, behavior, and safety. I am also concerned about smoking and cannabis use that may sneak in
- This would be a great step forward for the city of Calgary. Promote responsible consumption and there should be no concerns. Other cities such as Montreal allow liquor at parks for quite some time now.
- I would be concerned about groups getting too rowdy or intoxicated at a public site. You may need to employ a few extra by-law officers, at least at first, to supervise. I would also be concerned about the transient population taking advantage.
- I just think it should be a freedom enjoyed by anyone. The major concerns are a bust and litter and the truth is the people littering and abusing alcohol in parks are already doing it. The existing problem will not grow, look to other societies.
- no concerns for people who drink responsibly. IF issues occur where people become drunk and create public disturbance, those people should be fined and escorted off the park.
- This should NOT increase the cost
- Proper driving standards
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- No it works very well in other countries
- Negative behaviour. Adults and children should be able to enjoy public areas without having to worry that some people are intoxicated which usually results in undesirable behaviours.
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- Of course everyone must be responsible and sometimes that doesn't happen. If you are an adult you make your own choices and suffer any consequences.
- It will limit access to those who do not support consumption of liquor at picnic sites

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- I have a lot of concerns with this. It's unacceptable for people to be allowed to get drunk in parks where children play. I think people are more dangerous under the influence and lots of people will take that luxury too far.
- No
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- I think that most people will be responsible and I don't really have a concern about it.
- I feel that extra eyes would be needed in these areas. To make sure people and underage kids do not abuse the privilege. Perhaps take a cue from how Europeans do it. They allow open consumption and it can be civilized
- Ideally I'd like for this to extend to all parks and not just Picnic Sites. Having a beer after a soccer match would be wonderful. I'd suggest not allowing glass drinking containers though as broken bottles present an issue.
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- No, as long as clear rules are set out.
- Could bring additional unsavoury individuals to parks and picnic areas to consume alcohol which would have to be addressed.
- The only concern I do have is that it is still illegal.
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- There has been tons of research studies done on the effects of liquor consumption vs drug consumption at music festivals. This can also be applied to the consumption at a park. This would be a great time to look into these studies and apply this.
- I am sure that alcohol is already being consumed in public parks and picnic sites so why not make it legal instead of making people sneak it in.
- Allow wine and beer in any park, anytime.
- I would hope to see recycle bins so that items are disposed of properly.
- Having lived in the UK for a year where all public parks allow for the consumption of alcohol, I never saw any issues arise from it. Especially on summer days, the parks would be full of people enjoying the weather and having a casual drink.
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- you as a city, have signs and bylaws you are not enforcing now, no concerns
- Add camerainstead of hiring bylaw officers and you can contro any disorderly behaviour
- I'm not opposed to alcohol- I drink it sometimes myself- but I'm a family doctor and I see the problems that alcohol causes, and increasingly I see drinking starting to creep into activities that used to be entirely healthy, wholesome and family-oriented.
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- I think it's a good idea. Give us a place to be social adults outside of yards and patios

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- Worried that that children will be exposed to adult intoxication in public or rowdy crowds potentially. Worries over drinking and driving. However I have more concern with people smoking cannabis now and them not considering they are under the influence
- I don't think alcohol should be allowed in parks. If it's allowed in parks, what comes next? Being able to drink while walking down the street?
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- Consumption should not be allowed in public places.
- I think it's a great initiative. Every park outside of North America allows for this.
- The rule should read. 'There is no drinking allowed in parks. If you are caught without your beer in a cozy, or worse, shotgunning multiples, you will be fined whatever meager amount we choose to serve you with (\$20). Deter, but don't come down hard.
- Could be a good excuse to have some (or more) park wardens around to add a sense of safety and security to those who are not comfortable with alcohol.
- Bylaw has enough issues that they are t able to address already, why add more problems?
- No
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- No - people are already drinking at picnic sites. Legalizing consumption will allow better regulation and monitoring.
- I think generally speaking the kinds of people who wouldn't drink responsibly aren't put off by the current prohibition, and new users are unlikely to create problems
- It's 2019, let's model Calgary on other cities which have successfully relaxed liquor laws.
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- I have a slight concern about drunken idiots ruining this. But there will always be idiots out there and I don't think it's a reason to not allow it. It works fine in Montreal and Europe. Why not here?
- I see no downside, if people are going to be drunk at a park they will do it whether it is allowed or not. Having some stipulations around consumption can help control it.
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- No concerns whatsoever.
- We are all human and like to have a drink. It is those who cannot drink responsibly that ruin things like this!
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- No
- Please don't do it
- None. Enforce laws regarding public intoxication or other anti social behaviour.
- Sportsfields should be included, the ban on alcohol is completely ignored anyways.

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- I really would only consume liquor at home/ with friends. Overall would prefer not to have any liquor use so it makes it easy for all sites/ expectations. Many places to drink already, + public sites should not really be needed. Might lead to other use
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- Only asking for trouble if it is allowed.
- No, not really.
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- litter, and park damage
- No
- Public intoxication laws must be heavily enforced at picnic sites, people must be aware that their behaviours will not be excused just because liquor is allowed in the park.
- I'm excited for these antiquated anti-vice bylaws to continue being updated or removed entirely. Adults can and should be trusted to act responsibly in these situations.
- No
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- Everywhere else in the world allows it
- Shouldn't be limited to picnic sites. I understand the FAQ, concerns of AGLC & current limitations in the policy. In seeing open liquor laws across Europe, we can work towards that w/ no limit to TOD consumption, food requirement and while consuming safely.
- No.
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- Only concern would be disorderly behavior and drunken driving
- Liquor is just the first request. Get ready for other vices as well.
- Let's promote an environment that is conducive to a vibrant, convivial city and not one that is becoming more and more characterized by enforcement, bans and a disturbing penchant to regulate regulate all aspects of city living.
- Public consumption of alcohol should be legal period. Plenty of public parks in Europe have beer gardens and there is little to no public disorder related to the beer gardens. We are far too regulated here.
- Make it happen. If people mess it up, then we can't have nice things.
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- No
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- It should not be allowed.

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- I completely disagree with liquor being allowed in parks, it is naive to think that drinkers will stay in the designated sites and that they will consume alcohol in a responsible manner. Who will enforce this bylaw and ensure the safety of other users?
- The only concern is behaviour and the litter of the less responsible people.
- The liability to Calgary parks simply isn't worth allowing alcohol in parks.
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- Just over drinking issues but that can happen anywhere! Irresponsible drinkers will drink irresponsibly anywhere.
- Consumption of liquor in public parks occurs already. There may perhaps be a moderate risk of gatherings of inappropriate size that may lead to damage to the park. A pilot project would be helpful to understand the risks involved.
- I can foresee this getting out of hand. You would need to provide extra patrols to ensure compliance to the rules. Some people may be drinking responsibly and enjoy the privilege but many could abuse the privilege and cause harm to others.
- Will there be proper security if the bylaw passes, can I expect some sort of security or police to monitor park goers to ensure they are abiding by the rules?
- I would like to see a trial to see if people can be sensible with it and respect the park areas. While I like the idea there are some concerns not least any damage to the park
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- Vintage style prohibition signage isn't being suggested for picnic sites where liquor would not be allowed
- The main concern is that there might be an increase in undesirable behaviour due to too much drinking. I think it is important to make a point that even if liquor is allowed, exaggerates drunken behaviour is not.
- There will always be a few people that could get out of hand, but we shouldn't let the possibility of a few bad apples ruining what could be an enjoyable activity for responsible adults.
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- My opinion is no alcohol allowed in public areas.
- Must provide recycling
- I'm coming from a country that doesn't have this prohibition, and I don't see any benefit in keeping this law, alcohol consumption should be allowed
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- No. Enjoying a drink and acting like a responsible adult shouldn't be such a stretch for this city. It may require some initial babysitting and policing but it shouldn't be a stretch to expect adult behaviour.
- This is a slippery slope and like the idea of a trial. I hope that there are more responsible Calgarians, then there are irresponsible people. If this isn't true, then we cannot allow it.
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- If there was a way to ensure that the alcohol consumption was kept in check, I would be okay with it. However, there is no way to enforce or monitor this.
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- Increased cost of police, maintenance of parks, etc. if liquor allowed in parks. Seems that this is just a backdoor way to get pot approved as well.
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- Yes, there aren't enough bylaw officers to enforce and make sure people are following the law
- Biggest concern is that the host of the site/picnic is not legally responsible for any people that choose to drive impaired, even though the host has encouraged party to make arrangements for transportation (Uber, cab, carpool with DD, etc.)
- Obviously ppl being respectful of their consumption and not getting unruly. Maybe make a family section and a non-family section to ppl who don't want their kids around drinkers can do that
- Not really, I'm completely in favor of at least a pilot project in each quadrant of the city.
- Because not all people behave responsibly all the time, I would be concerned that being able to drink in a park would lead some to abuse it and ruin it for others.
- When liquor is kept and sold in bars, exposure to underage drinking is discouraged. When allowed to be out in the public, it makes underage drinking even easier, since liquor can be brought and consumed with virtually no accountability or ramifications.
- As long as there are bins provided for rubbish
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- NA
- Bring it on. I think all parks should allow consumption of liquor. We have adequate laws to deal with public intoxication, littering, under age drinking. Allow urban dwellers to enjoy a drink outside, without having a backyard.
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- As commented above, there should be no consumption of alcohol in any City Parks. It's just opening up a whole new can of worms.
- No
- Great idea!
- My biggest concern would be more broken bottles and litter as a result of liquor consumption in parks
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- There are lots of places for people to drink. Public parks should not be one of them!
- It may draw out angry protest groups but honestly there are people that protest everything nowadays.

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- I don't want wild animals to be drinking alcohol.
- No concerns.
- None at all, if all other laws regarding disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, and littering are adequately enforced.
- Likely to also I
- I'm not concerned.
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- While the benefits of allowing liquor at designated picnic sites would no doubt be considerable, we must consider that such a change could forever sterilize the thrill of sneaking a forty into a park by way of a brown paper bag.
- No
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- None
- Will need to be regulated and monitored. The individual booking would be responsible for any disorderly conduct or damage that may occur or be called in.
- I don't see what NEW concerns there are not present with bar/home drinking. Good call!
- I think it
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- N/a
- Really, this should have been done decades ago.
- Nope
- BAD idea!
- I think alcohol should be allowed in all public places, but drunkenness shouldn't. Just like there is a legal limit for alcohol levels for drivers, there should be a limit set for public spaces
- Need to ensure it is not promoting underage drinking
- May increase rowdiness, but frankly I think people who want to get drunk in the park just do so illegally. Much like cannabis legalisation, this would allow normal people to relax and enjoy the outdoors, with or without an adult beverage.
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- I have a concern regarding the guarantee that the individuals using the picnic site designated for liquor consumption are in fact of legal drinking age, and that those who are drinking do not damage or neglect the site.

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- Yes. You could get people abusing it, individuals coming up asking for liquor, children being exposed to unacceptable behaviour.
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- No
- If booze is allowed, cannabis should be too.
- Please don't ruin our beautiful parks by allowing people to drink - drunk people are irresponsible and will ultimately do irresponsible things, someone will get hurt, someone will die, and people will litter and be belligerent. Keep the parks wholesome.
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- I understand many people would not like to see alcohol in public, therefore I think making separate consumption / non-consumption areas could help. Also, I think it would be reasonable to restrict glass and/or labels being displayed openly.
- no
- Allow consumption outside of designated picnic sites. Let's stop criminalizing citizens that can consume cannabis or liquor responsibly in public and focus on those that cannot, but do so regardless of the bylaws.
- Please don't make this another MONEY GRAB. As a responsible retired person, I should be able to enjoy a drink with lunch & friends in a park. Not EVERYTHING needs to be geared towards the children ONLY. Whole families would be more likely to get out.
- Vast majority will consume responsibly and some will take it too far. I would design the pilot for the majority and not create punitive plans positioned to deal with the minority - there are bylaws to deal with public intoxication; vandalism; etc.
- I would make sure there are recycling bins nearby that are routinely emptied, or policies ensuring cans are removed from site by people who bring them.
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- No.
- No. Drunk in public laws should still be enforced but citizens shouldn't be fined or looked down on for having 1 or 2 beers during a day at the park
- There will undoubtedly be an adjustment period where some may 'overdo it' if this goes ahead. I'd urge council not to respond hastily, but allow a few years for people to naturally adjust to a new opportunity and how to take advantage responsibly.
- no concerns, this should happen
- There would be no way to control this well should it happen. I think it is bad enough now with the consumption while it's not legal. Especially with minors! Who and how will this be controlled. From experience I know it can not be controlled !!
- None
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- Let's do it! I've enjoyed multiple picnics with wine in European parks and they were wonderful memories!!
- I only takes a few unruly, drunk people to trash a place, to make other stuff feel uncomfortable so why allow that? There are plenty of places to drink, do we really need it in our public green spaces?
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- Can we snoke weed in the park yet? Lol
- Yes, I do not see the benefit. Fun can be had without liquor and with liquor comes increased risk to the individuals, the public and to the park itself. Where is the benefit to this??
- n/a
- I would like to see amounts out in place, (ie one bottle of wine per two people, or four beers, one growler etc.)
- See above.
- No.
- I think it's a good idea. People already consume alcohol at many events in our parks. Bringing it out in the open could potentially alleviate problems with litter.
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- Drinking and driving and damage to the environment would be my highest concerns
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- Need for more police, park staff and public wash rooms
- No.
- Not at all.
- Can't wait!! Thanks for trying this out.
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- My main concern would be ensuring adequate waste collection to avoid litter; however I assume most picnic and park sites already are quite well equipped. Ideally, this would include RECYCLING bins, specifically.
- No I think this is a positive and long past sue initiative.
- Why do we need liquor at picnic ?
- My only concern is that some people may abuse this .
- It's a step in the right direction, no question, but I don't think it goes far enough. Why limit it to only picnic areas? Can't some entire parks be designated?
- Lots of European countries allow liquor in public and it adds culture and freedom. Most people are good, smart, responsible people. We should make this rule based on them, not the small percentage of bad people.
- I experienced liquor consumption in parks in other cities in Europe and in Montreal. I personally did not witness any problems.

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- This just feels like a no-brainer. If people are consuming alcohol responsibly (which the vast majority do) then I see no problem with allowing liquor in parks.
- None
- No
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- Stop trying to control everything that Calgarians are doing. Let people make their own choices. Then if there are problems, make rules and limitations. Give us the freedom that the rest of the world already experiences in their cities
- I think this will be an added stress on our police force. They are stretched thin enough. The boorish behavior associated with alcohol consumption will be much worse in an outdoor setting.
- We have enough consumption of intoxicants now. No need for more places.
- no
- My only concern would be people over doing it and making it hard for those that can manage their alcohol consumption responsibly.
- This is a totally ridiculous idea
- Not at all. There is always a potential for erratic behavior due to alcohol or other, in which case the constant patrolling already in place should be able to handle.
- As with anything the potential for abuse is there and zero tolerance of disorderly behaviour tolerated with a ban on reserving sites for any problems.
- People who will abuse it are already doing so (until someone else calls the Police). It would be nice to take a beer on my bike ride and enjoy it in the park when I rest.
- No
- I think that parks allowing alcohol will just mean that people will not hide their alcohol consumption
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- Is that a new way to make money, get drunk and drive means more ticket, you don't worry about safety its about money. So sad.
- There should be signage about impaired driving and recycling bins (though that may attract theft).
- Let it happen, it add to our world class appeal and makes using our amazing parks even better. I would also add in the cannabis should be treated in a similar fashion to cigarettes, not the way Calgary has it now.
- This is the wrong time to make a major change about alcohol because the laws around cannabis are unsolved. They are linked regardless of the separation. Any change like this is going to cause ridiculous discussion and cost taxpayers money.
- Cannabis should also be allowed under these same conditions.
- I would restrict it to beer and wine.
- No

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- A big concern would be people over enjoying and getting carried away
- Keep the homeless people out!!! They will become more of a issue, especially the indigenous folks.
- Do not make people pay to use public services they already pay in taxes. Ridiculous.
- It works in every city where it is legal.
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- No
- I think there are enough places to drink alcohol. I don't think others alcohol intake should affect the enjoyment and rights of others who just want a nice day out at a park.
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- No need or benefit to human health. Only negative health and social impacts
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- Yes. Environmental impact (i.e. glass/plastic bottles left on the site.)
- I worry that it would be taken to the extreme and abused by some, causing responsible persons to lose again.
- I believe that allowing for responsible public consumption of liquor (and eventually marijuana when it's non-smoke form is legalized) will expose our impressionable youth to thee substances in a socially-controlled environment.
- i don't have any concern with it.
- It a bad idea to allow it. Drug use and other unsavoury acts in different areas of the city has already become a problem, this will be another thing to pile on. Stephen Avenue is already undesirable to stroll through, can we please preserve our parks.
- This will turn these spaces into full-time drinking destinations for those who choose to spend their days inebriated in public. This will drive families away, diminishing our quality of life as authorities won't have any way to enforce peaceful spaces.
- Drunk driving, unruly behavior, violence, pot smoking.
- No concerns
- Sounds like a great idea!
- None at this time.
- Time to get with the times. People are already doing it
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- Would be nice if it wasn't a requirement to be linked to "a full meal."
- None.
- Please don't allow this. There is no need to encourage liquor use in our society. I frequent my local parks all the time and I don't feel comfortable with people drinking in them.
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- I trust that people can act responsibly. People getting inebriated in public are already doing it

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- This would be a bad decision will only lead to problems a park should be a peaceful family environment not a pub type environment,
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- I think consuming in public has safety concerns associated with it. To name a few altercations between party members or other parties at the park, drinking and driving, floating or boating after consuming alcohol.
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- All of the above comments and replies. The police have better things to do and children do not need to see problems when they are out for some fun!
- It should be allowed.
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- Yes of course. This flies in the face of the efforts to reduce drinking and driving. This makes absolutely no sense to me.
- No.
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- No.
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- Some liquor is likely being consumed in parks already but cannot be easily enforced. How would it be possible to enforce consumption at certain sites but not others?
- As with other countries that allow public consumption of alcohol, it will become a new norm and social expectations persist. Clean up and appropriate behaviour is expected - a hotline to report those noncompliant may help phase the social expectation in.
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- Only accessible after a certain time in the afternoon, less exposure to children
- I think this is a great start. The AGLC has made some very arbitrary and ridiculous rules in the past and it would be nice if people could do what they want within reason without fear of getting charged for living their lives.
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- No. As long as it's loosely monitored for highly intoxicated people and broken glass, I think allowing alcohol consumption in parks is a great idea.
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- I believe this is often happening already, so it may just change how honest people are being about it

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- I think it's best to have it be legal and out in the open - otherwise people are still drinking but they're being sneaky about it, which leads to more issues in the long run.
- Littering - there needs to be plenty of recycling and landfill receptacles. This is not a difficult issue
- No concerns.
- I have concerns abt my children and them being accosted by drunks in the parks. I have concerns abt broken bottles and cans. I have concerns abt being in the parks in the ith strangers whose moral judgements are legally compromised.
- This is ridiculous. Keep the bylaws the same.
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- well...then we should allow liquor in all public places, bus stops, recreation centres, shopping malls...if they want to drink...there are lots of open bars...may be assign the same marijuana legalized park for drinking as well
- I'm worried that if Liqour is allowed there will be a push for marijuana consumption in public.
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- My ajar concern is disorderly conduct and having to call the police. Aren't they already dealing with more issues?
- Long overdue.
- This is a horrible idea.
- I think potential side effects should be regulated (unruly behaviour etc.) but not the act itself, because drinking by itself doesn't cause any harm.
- I am mostly concerned about people drinking, then floating down the river.
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- It will open the door to the cannabis lobby to demand cannabis in parks. I foresee enforcement challenges. So, if 6 or 8 people are all sitting on a picnic table, shari some cases of beer, and a bag of chips, does that qualify as consumption with food?
- Just the chance people would get rowdy rather than social as sometimes liquor consumption happens that way.
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- It already happens all the time so permitting it won't, in my opinion, create an increase in the obvious potential problems of drinking and driving or getting into a raft.
- None. It's been done successfully in Europe for decades.
- My concern is that allowing any liquor opens up a grey area, where there is increased risk of disorderly behaviour and public intoxication. The current zero-tolerance policy removes the grey area.
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- Security presence
- Its a great initiative.
- people already do this in a way that isn't disruptive to other park users
- No concerns. Lets get it done.
- Should not be done
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- It reduces the number of liquor free parks. Making less room for family friendly environments
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- We need to grow up as a city and become modern. Away from puritanical constraints that divide us
- I believe that encouraging alcohol use in picnic sites will only cause our beautiful parks and recreation spaces to become more filthy and polluted with trash. In addition, the concerns I checked off in question 2 are an accurate reflection of the truth.
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- no. I think it's a great initiative.
- No
- Don't do that
- The only thing that concerns me is more intoxication and litter. I'd say its fair to revoke the privelege if too much trash is found
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- Proper recycling of bottles and empties. An increase in homeless people or scavengers looking for empties.
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- I suspect that liquor is already being consumed in parks, just not openly. It should be legal, with the expectation of good behaviour, and fines for those who behave badly due to liquor. Thank you for considering this.
- This is a waste of time and money. Please keep things the way they are.
- For the first year or so, there will need to be strong monitoring of behavior. I believe there will be some that will abuse this privilege. Try not to be too heavy handed with fees and rules, it will only create a space for those to disrespect them
- This is another bad idea like the cannibas consumption parks.
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- No
- This is a BAD idea, although I am only one voice so if the City does go through with this I hope the City is able to make much money from those who see it fit to embarrass themselves and others in public.
- No

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- This is a great idea. Please allow it as widely as possible.
- Why not license like in germany
- I have many concerns. People do not drink responsibly. They do not know how to handle liquor, causing scenes and issues. Bringing this into public parks would be wrong on so many levels. Parks would be unsafe for our children!
- Must consider more garbages disposal options and recycling options in genereal. I always see too many overflowing garbage bins.
- My only concern would be people drinking too much, then driving
- Let us have a beer.
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- As long as there are guidelines. If it gets out of hand, rescind the rule.
- I respect the intent to relax the rules around drinking in public spaces, it is incredibly hypocritical to bring in a rule about drinking in public when there are still no firm regulations around marijuana in public. Sort out smoking weed in public first
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- Yes, as a paying taxpayers my taxes will increase due to clean up of garbage and more police officers having to attend the sites. My other concern is that I will be forced to drive farther to find parks where there is no alcohol.
- None
- Only that homeless people may just start to hang out there for long periods of time
- Alcohol kills
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- It would be amazing for me and my friends who live in apartments downtown to have somewhere to go play frisbee and do outside activities and enjoy a drink,
- very concern about safety please
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- There could be an increase in drinking and driving, pollution (peoole may leave their liquor cans and bottles out), there could be more reckless behaviour, it would ruin the experience for people just wanting to relax if someone is being drunk and rude
- Don't allow it - impossible to police or regulate.
- I would expect there are curfews imposed with the option to consume liquor in a picnic area.
- Idea of liquor on a picnic site with children around is a huge concern.
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- No
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- the prohibition of liquor in public parks should be continued. Bad behaviour would inevitably result if permitted. Increases police resources would be needed to protect the public. Drunken driving a risk.
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- It should be allowed anywhere in parks.
- No. Please allow alcoholic beverages at picnic sites asap.
- Make it like Europe, legal to drink in public, whether at a park or walking down the street. I've been multiple times, and it's fine.
- There may be a need for a police presence to investigate drinkers who are not of legal age.
- I would like to see an increase in bylaw presence in city parks in general, as well as in conjunction with launching this policy change. Direct Public education would be helpful too (signboards at locations).
- It's high time this happens
- I believe that if we are allowed to smoke cigarettes in a picnic site, we should be allowed responsible consumption of liquor
- no
- ensure there are appropriate recycling/garbage options in all parks so that people have somewhere to put their recycling. Please don't limit this to "major parks". if allowed, all Calgarians should be able to use the park near them.
- Should be allowed
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- Nope.
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- Recognizes reality.
- As long as people drink responsibly. This could require enforcement, as with bars and restaurants
- My only concern would be those who may abuse this. I can only speak to how me or our friends would handle this which would be responsible... I totally understand the concern that the City may have for those that would abuse it though.
- You would likely need more recycle bins around the picnic sites
- I think drinking is fine in public. The worst is at night coming
- It's the thin edge of a slippery slope. We need to treat alcohol in the same way as we did with smoking; reduce its access to reduce the negative harms to others.
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- Please look at other cities in the world- how has allowing this had an effect on safety.
- Let's grow up and act like the Europeans have for decades.
- I cannot see how this will be beneficial. I am very fond of wine but can we not enjoy an event without alcohol?

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- Let's do it!!!
- There are people that would abuse the privilege.
- Total quantity should be capped at something like 2 containers/adult. Don't let people take a full two-four and swill away.
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- There's always boneheads who are going to make an [removed] of themselves by drinking too much. Rarely does prohibition stop it.
- Picnic areas are should be alcohol free. Consumption usually involves behaviours which interferes with other occupants' pleasure.
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- Just the above.
- City recreation sites should be open to all tax payers. If some or all sites allow alcohol consumption that prevents access for families because of the realistic risk of others over drinking and making poor decisions that affect the environment for all.
- people and their "religion" should not enter into this decision. if they dont want to drink they wont drink, simple as that. dont let religion hinder the general public
- No
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- I don't mind if the hours are shortened for people using the picnic site. I would rather that then having to pay more to use it. I think this environment will help get more adults to enjoy the parks without children running around.
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- All the same rules apply, drunk in public, littering, etc. Of course, there will be some people who go too far but there is already lots of alcohol consumption happening and the sky hasn't fallen.
- This is normal all across Europe and not a huge issue.
- I am in favour of allowing liquor at picnic sites.
- Cautious regarding a possible increase in litter
- I think it's about time this is allowed. Every other country allows it.
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- I strongly disagree with this idea... i want a safe and respectful calgary
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- Yes people are not responsible enough. We can nit even go ti hickey games ir ride in planes with out people abusing alcohol
- Bad apples abusing it
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- No
- I don't think it's a big deal not to drink in parks, if somebody is a bad person he would create problems anyways as drink and drive or vandalism etc, and for those they will be judged accordingly by law. Don't think it would be worst if were allowed to drink
- See previous answers.
- Some concerns with disorderly conduct but feel those people would be that way even if it isn't legally permitted.
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- No.
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- I am a normal simple person as my family too. So I considered it as normally. I just go around the park, have fun with friends and family responsibly.
- What message are we sending by saying that drinking liquor is what we have to do to have a good time!
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- Children are exposed to seeing liquor use
- It should be allowed at any picnic table not just the ones you have to book
- No
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- Certain groups getting drunk and inappropriate. Regular public drinking laws should still apply, and more officers monitoring sites during prime times.
- Drinking should be allowed in parks. If there is a concern about bad behavior, increase the fines. That way those abusing the option pay for it instead of penalizing those who drink responsibly.
- I think this a great initiative and very progressive. Keep it up!
- I would be more comfortable if liquor consumption was restricted to beer and wine, and harder alcohol is not allowed.
- No, I think it's a great idea!
- Teenagers using it and increase of disorder
- thanks for opportunity
- It's a great idea to make it legal. People do it already regardless. Things will only get better.
- no
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- More disorderly conduct or drunkenness and water doesn't mix. Increase garbage from broken bottles, etc. Is also a concern.
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- Just might need some strict guidelines for ppl to enjoy this feature and to b held accountable for having this privilege
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- See #3.
- People will need to clean up after them.
- Alcohol is allowed in public throughout Europe and there's no real problem with it.
- No
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- It is happening regardless. More individual autonomy is better than less individual autonomy.
- Only if people abuse it
- no
- try it and see how it goes.
- I think we have enough issues with people being drunk in public already
- It would require some initial monitoring, but like legal marijuana, would fade as a issue.
- None whatsoever. I believe it should be allowed publicly across cities in Alberta. Adults should be able to make decisions about their consumption. Safeguards against public intoxication, mischief, littering, etc. are already in place.Allow them to govern
- I think it's time to allow it.
- I think it is a good idea.
- Destruction of property, lack of maintenance staff to keep up with new demands, and loitering/sleeping.
- Lots of people do it anyways, let's make it legal
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- I think alcohol in parks could cause serious issues with the homeless especially princess island park.
- Why do we have to pay to use a picnic site? When a family brings a picnic to a park they don't necessarily have a table booked. A picnic can be had on a blanket on the ground...it makes no difference where it is consumed ! Don't make it so hard!!!!
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- Yes, many.
- Illegal or not it will happen. I will not pay more money for the privledge.
- There should be a complaint line/phone number noted at each site it there is abuse
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- I feel it is somewhat regressive that this bylaw still as it doesn't stop the people who abuse it and act disorderly. There are still laws that don't allow this kind of behaviour. Not sure how public consumption laws benefit the citizens
- Please don't allow it.
- There are no concerns.
- Concerns over garbage being left behind, though it would increase income for bottle pickers. People already likely drink in the parks, so having it legal may increase moderation as it's not a novelty anymore
- I think it's harmless for people to enjoy a glass of wine or a beer in a public park. If you treat alcohol as taboo then people will have more reason to not use it responsibly.
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- No
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- No
- No, I think people enjoying parks are doing so with friends and family and not there to get out of control. Likely just want to share a local beer or bottle of wine with friends.
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- No, Liquor should not be allowed in the parks.
- No, the type of people who will engage in dangerous/obnoxious behavior will do so regardless of legality of drinking in parks.
- need to be approved . Europe is a great example.
- Not at all
- No
- No
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- I would be concerned about people using it as an excuse to drink to excess in a public setting, impacting other people's enjoyment of the shared space.
- i think its a great idea to bring this in within limitations...we should be able to enjoy consuming liquor provided you have a license to consume in a public picnic site. Its just as good as having a bbq at someone's house and having it offered there..
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- Drinking and driving

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- Not at all.
- It already occurs, this would reduce the cost of enforcement and our police and by-law officers can be better utilized to stop infractions that actually affect our citizens day to day.
- No concerns. I think this will be great for those living in condos as we don't have backyards and parks serve as our backyards.
- Thankful we live in a democracy, not satisfied that you've decided already to start a pilot less than 12 months from the survey.. not even enough time for
- No, now that marijuana is allowed everywhere. I spell that [removed] everywhere when I take my dog for a walk.
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- Don't compromise my personal safety for this stupid idea.
- Let parks be parks, a place for all to gather. Not yet another place to get wasted.
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- Have cameras it would be the tastiest cheapest way to monitor and see if the program is working. Aswell as having clear proof of any wrongdoing.
- Liquor should not be allowed in public parks. There is no way that the City is able to ensure the amount of liquor that a person brings on site and consumes. Public parks should remain a liquor free place for kids and families to use.
- Approve it. We'll keep doing it regardless.
- No
- If this is to become law, more police presence in parks might be of use.
- No
- What kind of person is this Councilor Gian-Carlo Carra, what is he thinking to waste our tax dollars on this! There are other HUGE issues facing this city and this is where the councilor wants to focus his attention! He should be ashamed of himself!
- I hope we don't lose the context of Calgary when looking at these policies and comparing them to other European cities, i.e. the high cost and harms associated with alcohol and inequities/vulnerable populations in Calgary
- I would care more about loud music/noise than the liquor that people bring with them
- Great idea!
- Increase the number of recycling and trash bins if this goes through.
- As noted above. Personal safety, particularly as a woman, is paramount and I see this possibly being compromised by irresponsible users or 'nuisance' drunks. If it was possible to properly police all parks that would be great but do we have the manpower?

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- I would be concerned that not all our citizens know how to be responsible. A glass of wine with a picnic versus crushing flats of beer all afternoon. I would expect there to be increased patrols to police loud, rowdy and drunken behaviour to prevent this.
- Yes... people react differently when consuming alcohol; some people react aggressively. Families might avoid going to the park; it would be really a shame since the City has beautiful parks to enjoy.
- I would be concerned about people drinking and driving. We allow liquor in so many places why do we now need to allow at parks?
- Please don't. With it will come marijuana use as it's near impossible to enforce laws.
- No - this initiative is long overdue.
- No
- No
- People should have to recycle their containers OR recycling bins should be available.
- Don't make it designated. Why can't I have some wine with lunch?
- No!!!!No!!!!No!!!!
- Would prefer the sites be away from playgrounds and kids
- Yes. Very concerned. This is very irresponsible and serves no benefit. Stay in your backyard if you want to drink. Leave the parks alone
- parks are for families not for drunks
- No. People who act disorderly and drink in public already do so.
- The fact that we need to have this as a public survey in 2019 is absurd. Being able to wander a park with a drink so long as you aren't wildly inebriated, no questions asked.
- My biggest concern is the amount of recyclable waste that could be added to parks, however allowing alcohol in parks could add to people cleaning after themselves instead of hiding their garbage to get away from a penalty.
- Citizens need to be given the opportunity to prove that they can enjoy things such as alcohol in responsible ways. Responsible adults and families are going to parks and hiding their beer in coozies/mugs. Why not model for children responsible use instead
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- I believed these areas should continue they way they are.
- I think it's important to put emphasis on the importance of not being drunk in public, being disruptive, and cleaning up after yourself (especially broken glass).
- NO
- Let's not convert our picnic sites into pubs. There are ample places in the city to drink.
- Nope not really. Any potential risks that people think of, already constantly happen almost daily in those areas anyway. I highly doubt it would increase
- It is not required.

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- No.
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- no sure what the council members bringing this forward are really thinking. we have so many other more important issues in the city to worry about and i would not vote to elect a member who supports this or that of public pot use
- I traveled all over Europe and in New Zealand as well, public drinking is everywhere. People grab beers and watch the sunset kinda thing. Yes maybe some people will get out of hand, but it's no different then consuming alcohol beforehand
- No. People already drink in parks, and regulations won't change that behavior. Reasonable consumption of liquor should be permitted in the whole park, and not confined to specific picnic sites.
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- I think it's a great idea.
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- Bad idea first Liquor then Pot
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- Just have necessary recycle bins and strict rules for the bad apples
- Only to ensure that enforcement of infractions is in place
- I think light alcohol should be allowed but not heavy one.
- no
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- There is no reason that responsible adults shouldn't be allowed to have legal and appropriate consumption in a park. That being said, it should be policed appropriately to discourage poor behaviour.
- Those who are breaking bylaws, will only continue to engage in such behaviour irresponsibly. However, by allowing liquor consumption at some sites law abiding citizens can go about their business in a respectful manner.
- It could become an underage hangout at night, with lots of highschool kids
- there should be a bigger penalty for those that don't follow the rules of consumption at their site.
- This should not even be considered due to a whole number of reasons. They are well represented above.

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- Laws are made for the critical few (10% of the population). Hence, there will be an a use of this relaxing of the law and there will be drunkenness, unruly behaviour etc. in one of the few FREE places a family can go for fun. Who is going to police this?
- Impose warnings about drinking and driving, drinking responsibly and provide alternatives of getting home if one consumed too much alcohol to drive.
- People already are drinking in parks making it legal should be a step forward
- Some - just over drinking / public intoxication
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- Good to The City for attempting to bring laws into alignment with current societal norms
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- I'm in favour of embracing the European lifestyle of moderate responsible liquor consumption in public, and getting rid of the north American hang ups around alcohol which leads to underage binge drinking.
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- I think that it should be legal!!!!
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- People making more of a mess or not cleaning up after them selfs.
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- Yes willnot prefer it
- it should be allowed. the concern of drinking and driving/floating is absurd. those things are still illegal.
- I think it would reflect badly on the future generations and also the presentation of the parks.
- If people don't think this isn't already happening they are foolish.
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- No.
- Let's keep the alcohol to licensed establishments & in the privacy of our homes.
- No
- Providing a safe space for all users to enjoy the park, respecting that some users seek the park as a liquor-free destination.
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- That there be recycling amenities made available.
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- My only concern is that it is not already allowed.

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- Alcohol should not be viewed as taboo. Encourage safe and responsible consumption. No need for an outright ban.
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- The people who are going to be drunk and disorderly in the park already do. People drink in the parks already whether it is allowed or not. Let responsible people enjoy it as well.
- none
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- If people would be responsible and not drink and drive, sure, but that already is a battle for the police, why put a potential for more on the roads?
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- It's about time. It is 2019 after all.
- I think it would be great to try and see how the city of calgary and it's residents do with this change.
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- See previous answers.
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- Vomit. If you've walked downtown you'd know that alcohol=vomit. Increase in crime. Criminalizing public park smoking of cannabis in favour and of making alcohol socially acceptable. I'm also worried about children getting raped in public parks without supe
- Many people choose not to consume alcohol and when you are in public you should respect those and parks are to enjoy healthy environment not te get bother by alcohol smell and especially when kids are playing in park.
- My only concern is glass, there should not be any glass bottles allowed.
- restriction on type of alcohol, more park patrol to maintain order.
- no
- potential increase in drinking and driving is a moderate concern for me
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- We need to ensure there are lots of trash and recycle locations to avoid park messes.
- Zero tolerance for public drug and alcohol consumption.
- No
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- need increase in recycling bins in parks - make it easy. or let charities/kids groups set up bottle drives out of these areas to promote recycling AND supporting the community. I think it not need be too complicated or hard - others cities have succeeded

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- People can drink in their own backyards. No need for it in public
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- I live near Bowness park and the ravine in Valley Ridge. As a women and mother, I think that allowing drinking in public would further increase risk for sexual assault given that consumption of alcohol inhibits decision making and lowers inhibitions.
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- This might bring more money to the city but, in my opinion allowing liquor in the parks will change these parks in to a wild partying sites.
- My concerns are safety issues, drink and drive,not good for children to watch people doings behave like animals .just saying
- No
- Nope!
- accessibility of recycling containers and potential litter.
- I think the laws should be changed to approve open alcohol at parks
- My only concern is that a few bad apples may ruin it. The vast majority of Calgarians are responsible and courtious; and would be respectful of the park.
- Why not cannabis as well?
- No
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- Yes - bad behavioir on public property - higher risk of potentially drunk drivers
- No
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- Relaxing of liquor laws without an increase in enforcement will lead to greater problems in public places.
- There's already to many drunk homeless getting away with breaking the law
- this is not a good idea
- yes, i believe that people would become more disorderly and become less responsible.
- No.
- I think it would need to be more closely monitored, as trash may pile up, and there will always be the odd few out that get disorderly which may need further police patrol.
- I think it's very progressive for Calgary to look into this. I appreciate it being brought up.
- Litter. Litter fines should be momentous, and those combating it should be rewarded
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- people are going to drink there anyways - you may as well set guidelines to allow them to do it and safely
- No concerns, but proper recycling facilities should be set up.

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- There are already people that consume liquor on pathways in the Sandstone area. I don't feel safe telling them to stop. Why would I want that all over the place. Too much chance for violence to take place
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- people already hide their drinks today and still drink in parks. let's just make it legal and increase the awareness. Enforce strong laws just like in many cities around the world.
- Have recycle bins for containers to prevent litter and encourage recycling
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- One concern listed above is drinking before floating on the river, which a lot of people do anyways. Personally I do not think allowing alcoholic consumption in parks will increase any already existing issues.
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- no
- This is a fantastic idea!!
- It's a good start, but there should be no reason to restrict this to picnic sites. If a person that is consuming alcohol is being disorderly we already have other laws such as public intoxication which should be used. Merely consuming should be legal.
- A bad idea and a complete waste of tax dollars.
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- Why wasn't this a thing years ago?! Let's make it happen!
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- My only concern is the extra litter it may come with.
- It feels like allowing liquor in parks is asking for disorderly behaviour. I realize it is probably often family events that book sites, but adults still manage to get too loud and irresponsible when drinking. I'm glad there isn't a site near my house.
- I don't want to see segregation between sites allowing liquor and not. This will feel safer and more inviting for 'good people' whom want to enjoy a couple drinks amongst other 'good people'
- Please do not allow liquor on picnic sites.
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- I'm concerned you can't do this fast enough.
- Just let it happen; it already does anyway!
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- I believe alcohol consumption should not be limited to picnic sites and should be broadened to all park spaces, similar to European cities.
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- I have more of a concern about vaping and people smoking cannabis than adults having a glass of wine as the kids play.
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- See answers from question #2. Another concern would be the high probability of minors getting away with drinking alcohol. Another one would be how the boundaries in the parks would be managed and who would manage same.
- I just hope people are respectful and clean up after themselves. There tends to be people that don't and ruin it for everyone.
- I think is wrong. If people want to drink outside home then should go to pubs.
- I think it could be a great idea for the summer.
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- No
- It's already happening regardless...one less thing for the city micromanage needlessly
- Should not be allowed
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- I am currently an avid user of the City of Calgary parks and pathways and I am very pleased with how they are now.
- Its frustrating to see that there is no "guiding principals" that would help eleveate these types of initiatives from even coming to a survey system. Lets go back to our values as a community and stop trying to cater to every whim.
- Not particularly
- Maybe some signage as to how to get home safely would be of benefit.
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- I do not.
- Nope
- For the bylaw enforcement's sake, these areas need to be CLEARLY marked.
- Anywhere where you can drink people should be allowed to smoke cannabis as well
- Why to change something what is so great in Canada.
- This is a dumb idea. As bad as it is, think of the homeless who are down on their luck, now will be legally allowed to drink in beautiful park areas? You will discourage families, public safety will be an issue, and increased security will be needed.
- A couple of drinks are ok, the park is not a bar.
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- This seems like a no-issue issue. But then, I moved here from Montreal.

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- No
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- Who will be liable? Who will hold the liquor license and be responsible for underage consumption? What type of security will be added to ensure no disorderly behaviors, violence, drunk driving, drunk rafting, etc? Will additional recycling bin be placed?
- Good idea for summer! Maybe limit it to certain months of the year?
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- none
- There should be strict rules about disorderly conduct.
- The way parks are used in cities like Toronto show us that this is totally possible.
- The engagement process is severely flawed. Start with clearly defined scope of what we can comment on and how it will be used and follow up showing how it will be used. Your process collects information all the time and you ignore it! A waste of money!
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- The ALGC regulations are outdated. Underlying issue is the necessary pairing of food and liquor is arbitrary and silly.
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- Disorderly behaviour and drinking and driving are my biggest concerns.
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- This is a great idea
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- as noted above, this is a great consideration, as consumption is not the problem. a bottle of wine with a picnic on Saturday afternoon is not this issue .
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- I dont think it's good for kids to be around it
- Should not be allowed.
- no liquor at all
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- No
- My only concern is people taking advantage of this.
- Let people be

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- Nope.
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- No, I think it's about time to be honest.
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- No, drinking and driving regulations are strict and shouldn't be a concern. Let's do what Montreal does and allow liquor in public parks!
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- Nope
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- Very bad idea
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- What happens if people do NOT book a table and then proceed to just take over a site? What type of policing will there be in the parks?
- Don't allow liquor in picnic sites
- No
- Yes! I have lots of concerns! I am worried about drinking and driving after the event, the city's liability if someone gets hurt or worst! And what about children who see beligerent drunks at the park? People can have fun and enjoy themselves without booze
- See all above concerns. Bad for parks, bad for community. Problematic to patrol and supervise
- Beer tents and gardens have become much more common and have not resulted in noticeable issues arising from drinking under a tent, immediately adjacent to public parks (e.g. Fort Calgary, Prince's Island Park,).
- It will be abused. I don't wish to have my park experience ruined by drunk and disorderly behaviour.
- Shouldn't be allowed at all. Drinking and driving is a problem.
- Only if people abuse the right. Moderation would be key.
- I cannot see any upside in allowing consumption in public in presence of minors and not consuming public
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- No
- As I see it, this is being put up because of pot being smoked where ever, now alcohol. We need control not "let's allow everything ". I do not agree with this, it is just setting all up for arrest, one drink, even with food we are in trouble
- No

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- Should be legal in all public places
- Drunken groups of 18 year olds
- None.
- I would be interested to hear comments from AADAC and recovery centres.
- I do not agree with consumption of liquor in public spaces where children are present.
- Why after all these years, would drinking in public become legal? It's a bad idea. There is enough issues, adding alcohol will make the only family oriented places left no longer family friendly. It's bad enough restaurants are being taken over by pubs.
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- This is absolutely ridiculous. Have you put any thought into this? People will take advantage of this and the social disorder will be increased. There is no doubt in my opinion that people will over indulge and cause problems. Police will be busy.
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- No
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- Designated hours for liquor consumption, with patrols and lights for evening and night activities in parks.
- Bylaw officers would have to have the ability to issue tickets, etc
- This currently takes place already. Making this legal will free up time and resources for bylaw officers and police to focus on more critical issues
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- No, I think the above questions covered my concerns
- This is such a horrible idea. Someone needs their head examined. Is the city just looking for more money??
- Great idea
- It opens the door for overconsumption of alcohol in a public family space. It requires additional staff for enforcement.
- Children are exposed to enough now and don't need to go to a family picnic to watch people sit and drink instead of interacting with the child
- Maybe after a certain time of day like 2pm
- Why are you even considering this? It's a no brainer'
- Drinking at picnic sites is already happening; putting some more structure around it will prevent issues
- Why does liquor consumption have to be restricted to bookable picnic sites? Why can't a park be designated as an alcohol permitted park? People are more likely to want to sit by the river, beside a sports field on a hill watching an event.

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- This will become an issue for enforcement. Enforcement staff are already busy. Do we want to add this sort of stuff to their duties? People are already drinking. They disguise the drinking vessels.
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- Try it....if it causes excessive issues....cancel it....
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- Terrible, terrible idea. Do research and learn from other countries mistakes instead of making our own.
- No concerns
- Really bad idea. Keep parks family friendly
- It cannot be controlled. Soon families will not want to take their children there. It's not just grandpa enjoying a cold beer on a hot day. The slime of society will take over.
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- No
- Lot of them
- The same rules around liquor consumption should apply as elsewhere. Police patrols can help regulate and control activity.
- I think this promotes drinking and driving. I don't think it's necessary to drink in a park when it you have to have a drink to enjoy then you have a bigger problem. No to alcohol in the parks!
- I don't think liquor should be consumed in areas that are for all ages...there is a reason that kids are not allowed in bars so why should they be exposed to it at picnic sites. It is pretty sad if people can not enjoy a day out without having a drink
- Excessive drinking can be dealt with by police.
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- It's good the city is looking into this; it shows we are maturing as a society and becoming a more cosmopolitan city.
- There are always those who don't know their limits. Liquor influencers behaviour and could spoil other people's peace and safety.
- Will avoid parks where liquor consumption is permitted due to safety concerns surrounding increased risk of one or more people abusing the privilege, and causing disorderly behaviour. It only takes one individual to ruin the experience and affect safety.
- no
- I have no concerns. The Europeans enjoy such a wonderful social life it would be great to have something similar here, especially after being house bound for such long winters. Cheers, let's do it. Stop being so afraid to relax City of Calgary.
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- This is a great initiative that could encourage greater alcohol awareness. A bit of public exposure is important to broaden acceptance and moderate drinking.
- I feel that food must be included with this. To avoid people just hanging around drinking, that turns into a party quickly. Also food helps stop people getting drunk too fast.
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- Another goofy idea
- It's happening regularly anyways. Might as well legalize to enable responsible users to not hide it and focus enforcement on problems (disorderly behavior, public intoxication etc.)
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- It would need to be at parks that are decently staffed.
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- Yes, it will greatly reduce the enjoyment of being in a park. People want a serene environment. Kids/drug users will abuse the privilege and it will be a liability.
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- No
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- The same above
- I consume liquor but don't see the need to consume everywhere.
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- The city needs to focus on creating a culture of moderation. Alcohol is the number one drug used by youth and we need more opportunity to have events that role model healthy life styles.
- no
- My biggest concern is that a few people will ruin it for the rest of the people that are responsible.
- None at all. I think this would be a great opportunity.
- I have grave concerns about allowing unlimited consumption. Boors who are irresponsible will assert it is their right rather than a privilege under which they need to normal acceptable behavior. I predict enforcement will be an issue
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- I don't think that the city should go ahead and allow this to happen.
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- It will increase bottle pickers and more homelessness in the parks
- Is there a way to only allow beer/wine/coolers and not hard liquor? I think that might cut down on problem drinkers and still allow others a relaxing drink.
- People are responsible enough and no concerns.

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- Most people might be responsible, but unfortunately there will be enough irresponsible consumption that will result in damage, increased policing, ultimately reducing the desire to visit the parks. If you can't enjoy a park without liquor, stay home.
- See previous comments
- No.
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- The city is concerned with drinking and drinking. Well allowing alcohol to be consumed openly in public parks will lead to more of it
- No
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- It is a great idea.
- none
- no, just put signs waiving liability, like do not drink and drive, drink at your own risk, don't be an idiot.
- It amazes me that this is even being considered. The cost of policing and cleaning the sites alone should kill the idea.
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- It works in other countries just fine.
- None. I think this is a great idea and glad to see that the City is coming around to a more european model of treating alcohol.
- Some people enjoy wine or beer now, keep it minimal by not allowing it.
- no concerns
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- Yes, all of the concerns outlined in question # 2
- no liquor in parks
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- We have enough crime problems in Calgary we dont need more concerns! pay attention please...
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- I think it is a very bad idea for nunerous reasons.
- CAN I BRING MY HANDGUN'S TOO? (very bad joke mocking the idea we are even ASKING this) I guarantee that people with guns will be bringing guns and USING GUNS MORE in a big dark park with a hundred escape points!! Every idiot has a RAZOR BOX KNIFE TOO!!!
- No
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- If it is going to be allowed, don't designate certain areas for alcohol and other areas for no alcohol. I feel like that would just create a "beer garden" mentality. It doesn't have to be a visible activity that's singled out and cordoned off.
- Liquor is legal. If people can't be responsible, they should be held to account and fined, but every Calgarian should not be prejudged on potential worries. Give the citizens credit.
- I trust calgarians will be responsible with this privilege, hopefully expanding possible liquor zones in parks on a nice summer day
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- I am in favour. Making it illegal does not stop people from doing it. It's better to educate people instead.
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- People already enjoy liquor in these places, it would be great to let the individual have the choice to drink or not to drink.
- I think there is a possibility for increase in disorderly conduct but that happens regardless of alcohol consumption.
- I think people do it anyway. It's just that they wouldn't have to hide it now.
- I am not against drinking. I am against anything that would jeopardize children's safety and innocence.
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- Make sure there are lots of garbages and recycling bins available
- No
- None. There are laws in place around drunk and disorderly conduct already. Many park users already consume alcohol illegally. This will help police control poor behaviour as it will be more contained.
- Parks around the river concern me, especially if people do not dispose of cans or bottle properly. ex. throwing it into the river
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- People are already doing it if they really want to, it's legal in many places of the world.
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- There is no need for this. I can only see bunch of potential negatives like setting up wrong examples to our children and risk of drunk driving.
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- Be an adult.
- I think it's a bad idea all around. Police will sit outside park and hand out tickets

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- My biggest concern would be drinking and driving. I believe that the people who are "drunks" already drink illegally in the public parks at no revenue or benefit to the city.
- None; most people/families are very responsible.
- The ageist remarks by a counsellor on this topic offends me. I consume alcohol but it does not have to be everywhere all the time.
- Na
- I think this will bring a lot of drunks to the parks making families and others uncomfortable and never wanting to return.
- With issues with impaired driving why would you even consider giving people more places to over consume. Sitting in sun and drinking is bad idea too. Leave the parks to people who are there to enjoy nature...not to get loaded or feel a buzz.
- No.
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- Yes. Alcohol in public parks is unacceptable.
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- People are already hard enough to get along with in public settings. Adding alcohol to the equation will just make it more unpleasant. The rules as stated would also be impossible to enforce. Drinking should be kept to patios and back yard...
- Open container laws should be instituted here like many world-class cities already do. The irresponsible drinkers already drink in parks and just hide it. The no-alcohol bylaw we have now really only affects responsible drinkers, which aren't the problem.
- Nope. Simply make recycling available.
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- Anyone who is being drunk and disorderly is dealt with, I have no concerns.
- This should not be limited to picnic sites
- Liquor should not be allowed at any picnic site
- Will there be increase patrols so there is no disorderly conduct or driving under the influence?
- Have more recycling spots and heavy fines for littering must be enforced and no glass.
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- Yes
- I think this is a great initiative and look forward to the pilot project.
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- I think this is a great idea - much like the legalization of cannabis, once the stigma is removed, I believe people are more inclined to act respectfully and responsibly.

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- No concerns.
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- I don't think it's Appropriate for people to be drinking in public places leave that to private property or bars
- I've heard great things about picnics in the park where liquor is allowed in other cities. I think it would be great in creating more community in calgary
- About time.
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- I think it's an excellent idea. Many European parks allow responsible enjoyment and it adds to the overall experience. I don't foresee an increase in anti social behaviour as that is occurring regardless of regulation
- No
- Sure
- consumption of liquor in public places except a bar/pub/restaurant never goes well.
- I would only be concern about damage of property by people that have drunk too much or accidents occurring by people driving or floating on boats while drunk
- no
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- No
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- None
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- you can consume liquor in provincial campsites so it makes no sense that it is any different in the city picnic sites
- There are enough issues with misconduct as it is in public and people with children have the right to enjoy public spaces safely. If this passes I will be less likely to take my children to the parks unless I know the spaces are completely separated
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- Yes, This will increase public risk, impact on young kids. You have rule of under 18 not allowed in bar which can not be controlled here. It will spoil environment & mood of other people visit park. People with kids will stop coming. What AGLC control for
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- Public intoxication is still against the law. drinking does not = intoxication.
- No.
- Make this happen!!!!
- Though I think drinking at picnics should be allowed, it will be important to emphasize that public drunkenness laws still apply

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- There should be a maximum allowance. And people can still get ticketed for being drunk or disorderly
- If it must be done please go for a trial period and determine how to disqualify those who abuse the privilege.
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- Enforce littering, don't penalize those who already are responsibly using the parks.
- Only that of disorderly conduct. But if you have to book the sites, the City would have recourse against those who can't comply with common sense by respecting the purpose of this change and other park users
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- I am a significant supporter of this change. However, drinking & driving and public drunkenness are my two major concerns.
- Possible increase recycling bins, clear process for dealing with drunk/disruptive parties
- People are responsible enough to drink in a park. Potential troublemakers are already drinking in the park.
- Please add additional recycling bins to locations where drinking is allowed - prevent littering because people are lazy. Having bins right there will encourage proper container disposal.
- As people keep good behavior
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- Allow beer, wine, coolers, etc. I don't see the need for a big bottle of vodka to be there. Punish those that cause a scene and ruin things for others more severely than you do now.
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- So many people have a hard time respecting the public parks. We don't need to add alcohol to this.
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- No
- No.
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- Nope; follow the European ways they've done it forever
- I personally do not think it's a good idea although not 100% disagree. Too many things are now legal.
- we have enough trouble with disorderly behavior in public spaces with our current liquor regulations. Adding to that with allowing liquor in Parks will ultimately make Parks a place to be avoided, rather than enjoyed as they are today.

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- No concerns.
- They do this in Germany, but the places nearby where you can buy the alcohol provide chits. When you return your bottles/ cans they give you money back. This keeps the areas clean and encourages a more safe and clean approach to public consumption.
- No concerns at all about adults responsibility enjoying a beer with their burger.
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- Government should not play any roles to encourage liquor consumption in our society, especially in a public park which designed for family recreational use. We are a non-liquor family and don't want our children would find drinking is encouraged.
- I think it is a good idea, it isn't like alcohol is a newly available substance with most people already familiar with how it affects them.
- Yes. Let's keep Canada like Canada and not copy the Americans, Canadians values don't entertain these stuff
- No
- There's bound to be a few people that will drink beyond their limit.
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- No
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- No I don't. I think the ability to regulate this is going to relax a lot of people. Drinking in parks is common practice in places all around the world, why not here.
- policing and maintaining security and safety
- We have enough places to drink. Why encourage more? I have never been at a park thinking that if only I had a beer this would be better. I do think that it will result in more disruptive behaviour which will discourage people from going to the parks.
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- I am hoping people would not abuse this and be responsible. It is something that would be nice.
- As long as there is a designated driver and the group does not get out of hand .
- No liquor should allow in the public place
- A small minority of people will abuse it, but they're probably doing that already.
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- No
- pot and liquor should not be allowed in public parks.
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- Promoting alcohol culture will damage the generations and it is a real shame on city council to consider this option. Public safety will be in danger. Families with children will stay away from city picnic sites. Increased cost on policing.

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- No.
- yes, there are enough places where people can drink. This is another burden on the police to deal with impaired driving. In parks, there are MANY more children running around - many with lower supervision. That isn't the case at patios or at home.
- Don't want liquor in any parks.
- See #2 above.
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- As long as people behave accordingly I'm ok. It shouldn't be for people to drink all day long, only for certain amount of time and responsibly
- possible increase of negative interactions between crowds
- Public spaces are not an appropriate place to consume liquor. There are already problems in parks with illegal drinking (Crescent Hts, Riley Park) and this will only get worse if there is a change to allow some consumption.
- It shouldn't have to be designated - who has the time and money to patrol/enforce?
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- let's encourage more outdoor activities.
- Should remain against the law to consume alcohol in any city park
- Yes. I believe more security (cameras, or other technology) would be needed. Everyone needs to be responsible and safe, not only for themselves, but others who are also enjoying the park. If people behave like they do at a stamp's tailgate party, all is ok
- No
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- Concerns around broken glass. Etc need to be responsible drinking.
- Tickets for consuming alcohol given to Calgary's homeless population strongly affect them. Please do not just permit drinking in public parks for privileged people, let everyone!
- I think this sounds like a great idea.
- No
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- My concerns center around the inability to control how much alcohol is consumed.
- Based on alcohol consumption while floating down the rivers, the stampede, and camping in AB, I see it being abused by some which would ruin it for everyone else.
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- Am hoping the increased freedom for the citizens will result in responsible consumption behavior and will open the door for increased freedoms to consume publicly in the future
- No
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- I know I would love to have a "hard" hot chocolate, after skating at Bowness Park.
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- Do not agree with policy
- No
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- Risk is inherent so concern is legit about the issue of people being responsible, however I think pilot programs are the right approach
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- This is a common sense change. It's allowed in many other cities in the world, and it's one that many citizens would enjoy.
- May result in increased security & safety costs.
- Not really
- It occurs anyway, why are we worried?
- Not sure consumption can be controlled.
- I do like this idea of having a designated picnic sites for liquor the problem is some people can get out of control for a example they may throw the beer bottles/break them or get very violent
- No
- Bad idea.
- Drinking and driving
- I believe it would bring more people to our parks to enjoy them.
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- Overall bad idea
- Yes. Parks are meant to be a peaceful place for all. Most liquor drinkers have negative behaviors when they drink. From throwing bottles to breaking bottles. The environment suffers. There is a negative affect on the animals as well as the vegetation.
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- Over drinking
- I do have concerns about broken glass but this could be easily solved with can-only rules or more recycling resources nearby.

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- We consumed liquor in the parks in the 60 and 70's. we didn't have issues then. Now you want people to pay for the opportunity to have some beer or wine at a picnic.
- There are far too many potential negatives to alcohol consumption in public parks. The greater good for the greater number would very likely negate this idea as being in the the public interest.
- It should be allowed everywhere, not just at designated picnic sites. If my girlfriend and I are having a picnic down by the river, why should we be banned from enjoying a wine, just because we're not sitting at a crowded, uncomfortable picnic table?
- Yes, as above, this increases the likelihood of people publicly drinking to the point of poor behavior, and the possibility of broken glass in parks where my kids play.
- Proper signage regarding responsible use and behavior
- No.
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- No
- Good idea.
- Please don't allow it. This is going to destroy families from enjoying without fear .
- I think there will always be a small number of people that take advantage of suchthings and will ruin it for the rest ie. drinking to excess and injury occurs, fights, drunk driving, minors consuming alcohol. However, for most it will be a great addition.
- no
- It is done in many other countries, it is time Canada took away the stigma of alcohol consumption.
- I think it is a great idea that allows people to be outside
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- Drinking and driving is my only concern.
- As long as people are behaved and consume alcohol responsibly I think this is a great idea
- I think this would be great for our city. We already love visiting the parks. This would be icing on the cake.
- I am a drinker, but totally oppose this idea. There are lots of places to drink without bothering other families who dont
- No, because if it happens at a park, it is happening at home and may get help to people that need it.
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- I think drinking in parks will only allow more disruptive behavior. Not appropriate behavior where children are. Safety concerns with drinking and rafting.
- Picnic sites are a safe and carefree environment for families and they are better for having bo liquor allowed.
- Allow it in parks in general, not just picnic sites. Places like toronto already allow it so to say it's not possible is BS

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- I think it's a great idea.
- because give people an inch they will take a mile. a dozen hot dogs and some buns and you have a picnic to drink by. My concern is that it would soon become non family friendly and very difficult to police. The Police and BY law guys are busy enough.....
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- None
- Hard liquor should be restricted
- My biggest concern is that it hasn't been done yet.
- Not really but obviously we want everyone to be responsible about it.
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- Great idea Gian Carlo, we need to be more like the Europeans and enjoy our cities!
- There are plenty of places to drink already. Sounds like another tax grab.
- I support it and hope the City of Calgary will embrace this. We are a cosmopolitan city. I also would be very dismayed if people's religious views were given precedence over other people's behaviour.
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- I think it should be allowed, any abuses should be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- Though not everyone will get drunk in public at a picnic site, there will be instances of that happening. It could be a safety issue for others using the park, or perhaps even children. Maybe some people will leave half-finished drinks around.
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- I am grateful that the city is FINALLY reviewing this. I think not allowing this is very paternalistic. All over Europe you are allowed to enjoy alcohol responsibly in public places. For the few who cannot do it responsibly, majority shouldn't be punished.
- No
- I'm concerned about how the consumption will be patrolled. Drinking at nights in parks may lead to problems and those living in the surrounding areas.
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- If you want to picnic and drink, do it in your backyard. You have your family with you, you have a few drinks & then you drive home impaired. Not good.
- No.
- Drinking and driving, inappropriate behavior, broken glass in areas where people play
- I'm happy to see this pilot project happening!! No alcohol in parks is such an antiquated notion.
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- If everyone could be counted on to be discrete, to be responsible with their beverage containers and their behavior, and to refrain from intoxication, this idea may be worthy of consideration. Sadly, this is not the case, and the idea should be discarded
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- Public drinking is allowed everywhere in the world except north america. Time to get off our stuck up horses.
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- Main concerns are public intoxication and drunk driving. There are playgrounds by the picnic sites and lots of children in these areas. I just don't feel it is necessary to allow alcohol. I
- I think with this freedom people should be able to act responsibly, and clean up after themselves and not drink and drive.
- I feel that allowing liquor in select public areas would benefit the community in the sense that more people would be venturing out to parks there never been to before and exploring areas of Calgary they've never seen.
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- As noted above...people getting stupid and consuming too much which may lead to disorderly behavior.
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- I think it's a great idea with no downsides as there are other laws like public intoxication and drinking and driving to keep people in the right frame of consumption
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- by law enforcement is already an issue - I feel that this will increase a department that does not have the reasources to "police" if food is also being served and is it staying within the designated area.
- The AGLC are frankly dinosaurs. It's a little embarrassing when you compare us to more progressive cities across the world. And it makes those cities desirable places to be. Overall, I believe the AGLC is a barrier for culture in our city.
- Hard liquor definitely shouldn't be allowed but beer doesnt do much harm
- Must not be allowed at any cost. Any indirect cost like police or EMS may increase and it is from my tax paying pocket.

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- These BY-LAWS are made with no provisions for enforcement. Consumption of POT in public is already pervasive and the response is that only if officers observe the offense can anything be done about it. Otherwise we are told to simply f**k off.
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- The only concern I have is groups that have too much booze and get unruly. Question? could you
- N/A
- Please consider extending to baseball/softball diamonds
- None. This is already happening.
- I strongly feel we need to normalize our drinking culture to set an example of healthy beverage consumption.
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- Public consumption of legal substance in general shouldn't be so restrictive. The problematic behaviours from it are what we should focus on (public drunkenness, vandalism, noise violations, etc) instead.
- no
- The sites that allow liquor should be advertised as such, and monitored. No heavy use though - maybe people should have a limit of what they bring in.
- Kids get enough exposure to alcohol at home, movies and events like football or hockey that they don't need to see it in public park as well. Leave the parks as they are for family fun.
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- Allow Calgarians to drink in parks. Do not charge a fee for this. I think the idea of enjoying a drink in a park is lovely, and isn't an unreasonable want from the people of the city. Do not charge a fee. In Europe you don't have to pay to drink in a park
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- This will lead to drunken driving, possible violence due to drinking. Drug use in conjunction with drinking. Increased costs of a police presence that will be needed.
- Should not be allowed.
- The concerns about consuming liquor in public spaces such as parks is that it will inevitably lead to disorderly behaviour that is observable to all who may be making use of the park space. Liquor is often a factor in conflict at public events.
- Increased enforcement expenses. and concerns that in local sports parks that are filled all weekends with children's sports teams. What is to prevent
- This is a terrible idea. If allowed, it will discourage me from booking any sites of this nature.
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- Police have better things to do than police picnic drinking sites. As I have tried to reserve picnic sites in various parks and found it next to impossible, I can only imagine that people who do get these sites may be reserving just to be able to drink .
- I have many concerns. It affects behaviour safety if ppl.dont know how to wisely consume alcohol and why have children exposed to that
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- its a stupid idea.. especially with the new drinking and driving laws
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- No
- My main concern is that recycling facilities be provided nearby any picnic sites where drinking is allowed.
- This is a ridiculous consideration. People do not need to drink in order to enjoy an afternoon with friend and family in the park. If you need to drink to enjoy your day - stay home.
- It should be allowed!
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- There are always those that will take it to far. I want to be able to enjoy our parks without listening to a bunch of rowdy drunks. Also our police have enough to do without dealing with drunks in the parks.
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- Nope
- No
- With the great amount of immigrants with different cultures and backgrounds, we will see an increase of incidents in the parks related to alcohol usage
- No benefits. Only increase in disorderly behaviour, litter and drunk driving
- Clean up after yourself and dont drive if had drinks
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- I think the pros outweighs the cons
- Broken glass
- It should be with food, and biligerance would not be tolerated
- No
- Disorderly conduct/damage/garbage, but that is happening anyways at times.
- There are lots kids around the parks, if people was to drink, drink at home or at a bar not in front of kids.

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- I live near a large park where people drink in the park. That is not policed, so I fear what would come of legalization.
- I think this is a very progressive and overdue idea. People are have, and will continue to drink alcohol in city parks regardless of what the laws state. By providing designated and acceptable areas to do so,, we are promoting responsible consumption.
- Please let citizens be grown ups and make their own responsible choices!!
- No
- allow only beer and wine
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- I guess some people might get drunk and cause issues but those people do so no matter what the law is. So let the responsible members of society have a beer or two if they want.
- I think it could be a great addition to the outdoor experience in calgaries parks
- Not deally
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- My only concerns are that folks drink responsibly.
- I'm concerned that ill informed idiots will worry this great initiative to death. People alredy consume alcohol in parks, I know I do, and there's not enough cops or bylaw officers to do any dort of policing.
- Give it a try, if it doesn't work then so be it.
- I can see many issues arising with people taking advantage. Public intoxication already occurs and I don't think would increase greatly.
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- No
- None
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- liquor is already being consumed in parks. Pass the law or don't. I will continue to enjoy a couple beers on a nice day.
- There's a reason why it's socially acceptable to have a glass of wine with dinner while pregnant in Europe yet social services is called on you if you do that here. It's because North Americans in general have no self control. Give an inch, take a mile.
- There is just too much risk of people abusing this new freedom. Damage to property and of course, drunk people in parks.
- No, Seeing the European model in other countries that permit public consumption and in Montreal, I believe people will do it anyway, and just hide it, which ultimately, the rule doesn't work if people are doing it anyway.
- If people are legal age to drink, and are drinking responsibly, why not be like Paris and allow people to enjoy wine etc with a picnic

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- no
- Already asked and answered.
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- It doesn't make sense as it's actually going to hurt businesses like restaurants. Allowing people to consume liquor in public areas like picnic sites makes policing harder as well.
- no
- What are our progressive peers doing in this space (Scandinavia & Australia?)? This antique law follows the backwards laws of the US and we should look at what progressive countries are doing around policing their citizens trying to enjoy themselves.
- I think it is a good idea as it allows more options.
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- Many other countries in the world allow this. By restricting alcohol consumption too much, you create an environment where abuse can become more rampant. Europeans are excellent examples of people who consume alcohol responsibly (generally).
- Liquor may be restricted to social drinks or wines, beer etc. having alcohol percentage below a certain level
- No
- National parks within the Parks Canada boundaries allow you to consume whatever you want on site, I do not see why it is any different in this particular case.
- No
- No
- I had no idea you had to 'book' a picnic spot, and pay for it - are you guys crazy?
- All sites should be allowed consumption of liquor.
- If the right rules are put in place and enforced there should be no more problems than someone leaving a bar or restaurant. Safety first but common sense and a rational public drinking law is years behind.
- Of course, it will be hardly enforceable, will be getting ugly and beyond designated zones, and the families with kids will have to deal with rowdy crowds or think twice before visiting city parks at all.
- Considering downtown is a mess already with drugs and intoxicated people this is a terrible idea. Stephen Ave is disgusting with people staggering around this will increase.
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- No I do not I have been in parks and on beaches around the world it is not a big deal we already have public intoxication laws.
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- No concern at all. Great idea
- No concerns just get it done.
- See above

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- No. But it would make sense if that would be allowed with food consumption only.
- No
- No
- Drinking people especially those who is in the hook for alcohol addiction tend to overindulge. Allowing alcohol at parks will open door for drunk driving 100% Why can't we survive w/o alcohol in parks?
- It should be expanded to more than just picnic sites. Picnic sites are used by a narrow demographic for only certain types of events.
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- Legalize it!
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- It'd be nice to be able to drink at a picnic site. However, guidelines are needed to ensure the safety of the public and enjoyment of others. Maybe set up rules similar to campgrounds.
- I believe it's time for Calgary to be more progressive/ less restrictive in our liquor laws.
- Let's do it!
- Perhaps people booking a picnic site for a large group that allows alcohol should have to obtain a liquor licence from AGLC.
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- no
- NOTED ABOVE
- I think the city should simply allow more restaurants & pubs to build more patios.
- No
- In theory should be fine but the costs of enforcement, clean up and park repairs outway the benefits. People can drink at home. Keep the parks family friendly.
- I see no problem with the way the strong majority of adults will handle themselves. I think police/peace officer presence needs to be increased to deter teenagers from using picnic sites as party grounds.
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- There is always fights at bars. People getting the [removed] kicked out of them, stabbed and you want to put this out in a public park where a child could get hurt? Seriously??
- No.
- no concerns.
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- Not all people can behave orderly when drinking
- as long as you are responsible and are not taking advantage of it as well as cleaning up after yourself. i don't see any issues

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- No
- Why are we encouraging a habit that has been cause to destroying so many lives through alcoholism & accidents while drinking & driving?
- No
- Yes. its dangerous.
- Why, to great of a liability, too many other things in our city need to be addressed directing resources to managing this is ludicrous
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- Shouldn't be allowed
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- Would it have to be at a picnic table specifically or would simply a zone within the park be acceptable.
- Those under 18 should not be allowed to drink
- This is a great idea, I hope the public does not abuse the chance to bring liquor to parks by being wreckless. This has potential to be a great idea.
- Allow it everywhere within the city, not just in the parks!
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- With public intoxication remaining illigal therefore there should be little negative impact to society. Those who choose to abuse thier rights are likely doing so already.
- Should have been allowed before
- It should also be permitted at ball diamonds, and without the food requirement. But this is a good start.
- Picnic sites in parks are for people who enjoy being outside enjoying nature with family and friends. Bars and restaurants are for people who enjoy drinking alcohol with their food. Stop messing with things I enjoy!
- No
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- I don't think it's necessary and may just increase issues.
- BE RESPONSIBLE.
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- No concerns. People are responsible for their own actions. People do this now anyways and they conceal it so it would likely not be much different if it is allowed. I dont agree that people should be able to vote on this based on their religious views.
- Alcohol causes too many problems in our society already, we don't need to add to it with allowing alcohol in parks.
- No

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- Citizens are already responsibly consuming alcohol in our parks. We allocate resources to try to prevent it, but those resources could be dedicated to a more pressing challenge the City is facing
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- Litter
- Yes! Along with the above comments, there are always people who will not be concerned about others. This change is not worth this risk. It is hard enough to enjoy a family get-together already. Other groups are already far too noisy!
- Disorderly behaviour, children exposed to unsavoury behaviour, drinking and driving, possible damage to park area.
- Allow liquor and marijuana consumption in all city parks not just designated picnic sites. Many places in the world permit this and they have not fallen into anarchy.
- I don't support consumption of liquor on any site due to the same reason mentioned above.
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- I believe it should be allowed.
- I've lived in Australia and the UK where drinks in the park is common. Due to weather it is not a daily occurrence but on those few beautiful days it is wonderful to be outside enjoying wine or beer. Cheers!
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- Public drunkenness is a problem, not drinking in public. I think everyone would find that public drunkenness levels would remain unchanged.
- If they were to be free but specific areas, the city will have more problems with homeless adults getting tipsy/drank getting into fights and possibly passing out in a bush or something.
- point made in #3.
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- Many countries have that experience, we can use their lessons learned
- I worry there will be an increase in trash (drunks are rarely environmentally conscious), in addition an increase of belligerent drunk people at the sites
- It's not the 1920s anymore. It's time for Canada in general to catch up on our archaic liquor laws.
- No
- Littering, vomit, excessive consumption would be my biggest worries
- I would like to see there be some restrictions around being intoxicated. A beverage or two isn't bad.
- No concerns
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- Too [removed] costly to enforce. Each time you add something that has to be enforced by City so don't do it. Not in the least bit necessary. Let Parks be enjoyed as park not another venue to get drunk.

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- Drinking and driving, people behaving inappropriately around children
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- They stopped drinking in national parts for a reason. People do not know how to behave
- Responsible public alcohol consumption has been a part of life around the world for ages. We need to modernize
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- Recycling bins at picnic sites will be important.
- Make sure recycling bins are close by and easy to see so there isn't a mess to clean up.
- I think for the most part people would be responsible and respectful of others in the parks. Especially since the recent changes to the criminal code and drinking/driving & police ability to request a sample without cause.
- I have drank a beer on the streets of Cuba I have drank a glass of wine on the streets of Italy I've been to many places where they don't have an issue and it seems to me the biggest issue is when you restrict people they want it more. This is a democracy
- My concern is mostly broken glass. Many people take off their shoes to enjoy the grass. Maybe only canned alcohol?
- People do it anyways, but have to hide it currently.
- Super concerned about rowdy and disorderly users, would hate to see an increase in litter especially.
- exposing kids to drinking, telling them it's ok to drink and drive.
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- We operate like the 1920's prohibition. Get with the world. Stop controlling people.
- Having been to Europe and witnessed how normal it is to have a glass of wine with a picnic and people were behaving maturely just shows that booze in public with a meal can be a beautiful thing. Stop with puritanical laws!
- No other then it's about time.
- No
- No
- No more than noted in #2
- No - Montreal and European cities allow it. Perhaps we also should. It will allow people to gather in parks with friends on beautiful days and not have to always go to a patio. It is exactly what we need to activate and create safer open spaces.
- It is ridiculous in my opinion that it is not legal already.
- many advanced nations around the world allow for consumption of alcohol in parks and they do fine. to permit people to have a drink with their picnic allows people to enjoy alcohol in a natural environment

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- Calgary is revitalizing it's outdoor spaces, east village/river areas, this seems like a nice way to build community & get different groups out into Calgary parks.
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- none
- People who are abusing alcohol in public are already doing this so allowing normal law abiding citizens to partake in liquor consumption in public shouldn't lead to more disorderly conduct
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- I think it's a good idea but only in certain parks and perhaps with blackout bans for specific weekends. It would be really nice to be able to have a hot chocolate and Bailey's in Confed after a brisk ski without breaking any bylaws.
- I'm concerned about people being drunk and disrupting others.
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- People does not behave well when drinking
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- Is there also a motion to give more money to Bylaw/CPS to deal with this? We had four angled parking stalls located at the east end of Crescent Road which were eventually closed due to crime. Significant time/money already spent on this in Ward 7.
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- Again safety issue.
- Liquor should be allowed in a responsible, moderate fashion in all parks and picnic areas.
- no
- No concerns. Bottle/can recycling should be made readily available.
- People already have enough places where they can drink.
- Probably more surveillance will be required and anyone not behaving properly should be removed from the park
- Liquor should be able in all parks. But there should be a limit placed in how much one person can have at one time. Example as in one 6 pack of beer per person to prevent over drinking.
- No. Existing regulations are archaic and represent an antiquated, paternalistic system of governance.
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- no
- The troubles will rise more and more
- Proper disposal bins for bottles (labeled recycling bins)
- Would like to see signage with rules posted and more recycling and garbage disposal bins.
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- Parks should be meant for family gatherings and activities. Liquor is an adult only activity. Promote family over drinking, it doesn't have a place in public parks.
- Opportunity for more under age accessibility to alcohol
- No
- Drinking in public parks is legal in many European and Asian countries.
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- it's going to be the same concerns as #2
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- No
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- No
- Would there be more recycling bins available?
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- This may be one of the most ridiculous concepts ever floated by the City of Calgary. My belief-- Liquor causes more social problems than any other factor. A Family day at the park, does not need to be impacted/spoiled by unruly behaviour, litter etc.
- I think it would be a great addition to Calgary parks
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- None
- Leave city run park picnic sites liquor free as they presently are now.
- It should absolutely not be allowed
- I am sick and tired of minorities trying to shove their views on the majority. Marijuana smokers will want equal rights. Sets a bad precedent. Families just want a place where they can enjoy our lovely green spaces in peace and quiet-enough is enough
- Should be allowed anywhere in parks (as long as there is food consumption as well).
- It is time the city stopped treating people like children. There will be a few irresponsible people that will cause problems, but they already do that. It will sort itself out.
- See above. Perhaps a trial to see whether Calgarians can be civilized. Also problematic to condone drinking but not cannabis. I understand the dislike of pot smoke for other users but maybe allow vaping?
- I enjoy consuming liquor at times but I don't think we need to drink in public parks as I think it'd have a negative impact on crime and drink driving.
- My answer is a firm NO. We have lots of spaces where we can enjoy alcohol without bringing it into public parks and picnic areas.

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- Limit the amount of alcohol that can be on site and that should solve issues of abuse.
- People are already drinking in parks. Those who would abuse new privileges are doing so already. Cities around the world, incl some in Canada, allow drinking in parks. As long as we aren't hurting others there should be no punishment for drinking in public
- I think it's a great idea to allow it.
- The bylaw should be about public intoxication and not about consumption.
- Education on drinking responsibly needs to be reinforced.
- Lets make it happen!
- Should not be allowed at all.
- How are the police going to monitor each site, every single day? There are enough people drinking and doing drugs at these locations.
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- No.
- Should be allowed
- I have visited or lived in jurisdictions where alcohol and cannabis are both consumed in public with none of the dire consequences predicted by prohibitionists. When we choose to treat citizens like responsible adults they behave like responsible adults!!
- I say at least give it a try! If it's a disaster it can always be put to an end. If it's successful it will help to get more people outside and actually doing things within their community.
- No
- Consumption of liquor makes it an adult only event. Parks should be safe spaces for children to enjoy too.
- No concerns, people just need to be responsible. The police on the bicycles are appreciated.
- Most people drive to parks and would be driving home after drinking.
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- There's many places worldwide that allow liquor in public without many problems. Furthermore, I imagine that there's already a fair number of Calgarians covertly consuming alcohol at picnic sites anyways (travel mugs).
- None
- No
- It's about time.
- This is happening in practice anyway. The City can either acknowledge that and formally allow it but it won't likely change behaviour.
- Safety for non drinking families
- Please don't allow it! Not a healthy decision.

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- Just ensuring there are enough recycling bins for refuse
- Of course public drunkenness is not the objective. To be able to enjoy our few nice days to its fullest is.
- How will the City handle the problematic citizens that are already “consuming” liquor in public but when they move it to the picnic areas because it’s legal there now? There are far more places that you can consume liquor that you can't leave the parks
- My childrens exposure to disorderly conduct and excessive drinking is a concern I have. I would make decisions about this accordinly.
- ample recycling locations close by and it won't be an issue.
- Yes. There are enough places for people to drink and we don't need more. Parks should be family friendly. Where people are allowed to drink problems arise because not everyone knows how to act appropriately with alcohol. If u need to drink stay home.
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- Think it's a great idea
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- As above question #2
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- It's a great idea, should be expanded to everywhere in the city
- People will drunk, might see more aggressive behaviuor, more garbage, drunk drivers near families with kids, cultural aggression with folks that don't drink.
- Most people are respectful of their surroundings but add liquor to it can cause issues. Mostly for younger people.
- No
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- No
- Getting people to gather in parks is good for the city. It should be legal to use alcohol and canabis in all green spaces.
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- Read my additional comments above
- citizens could think for themselves and shockingly many people already drink in the parks in concealed containers!!! OMG!
- No concerns.
- Why is Calgary as well as most of Canada so far behind in this area?
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- I see no additional risk to negative behaviors associated with alcohol by allowing consumption in parks. I support civil liberties, and adults manage consuming alcohol in our homes or at a bar, so I fully support being able to consume liquor in parks.
- Perhaps a minimum age of 25?
- Please do not limit to only select parks/picnic areas. This needs to be in all City parks.
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- Littering. things such as cans and bottle may be left at the site
- I don't agree liquor consumption at the park. It invites a lot of problems mentioned in no. 2 above.
- I can't believe money is being wasted on this question. Are you nuts, my kids already faced a violent drunk at McKenzie Lake.
- I think that it should be away from playgrounds, rules and who to contact if people are being unruly should be posted
- Picnics with booze and pot will result in parties with undesirables in our parks. Also consider drinking and driving after the picnic, or prior to boating? This is wrong for a family having to witness this during a family outing. This is a bad decision.
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- No. Would not expect there to be any more problems if allowed than there is now. Probably less.
- I think it is archaic that we don't allow liquor consumption in public - festivals, picnicking, sporting etc. As long as done in reason, not driving, not disturbing the public, it should be a non entity.
- Make sure you have the right recycling bins in place, and bathrooms.
- One thought is that hard liquor may be restricted for the first year to see if park users are more likely to use less alcohol % drinks.
- My only concerns would be underage drinking and the ability to regulate that. Honestly though, people probably already drink at picnic sites incognito, now there's an opportunity to financially benefit.
- Liquor should not be allowed in parks
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- No. I believe anyone who would break the rules are already breaking the rules anyways.
- No concerns.
- there are always those who do not respect this privilege
- No. Now that there are multiple options for safe rides (not just cabs) I have no concerns.
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- Do it

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- I'm sure liquor is already consumed at picnic sites. Mine as well regulate it properly.
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- We have beautiful parks in Calgary, and we want to promote a healthy, active lifestyle. Liquor use is counter to that lifestyle. Yes, I have an occasional glass of wine but in an appropriate location (my home or a restaurant).
- My concern is, the city will once again listen to extreme religious groups and have their pockets padded by lobbyists who are against this initiative and we will get some "white washed" version that doesn't make it past a vote! Get with the new millenium!
- Already noted above.
- No
- I don't think it is necessary. If people want to consume then they can picnic in their yards.
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- I don't, I feel that laws regarding over public intoxication would curb any issues.
- No other comments at this time.
- no
- There are always going to be problems and people who can't handle themselves. Proper monitoring and policing will help.
- No
- Drunk people have clouded judgement. They're annoying and not fun or safe to be around. Especially with pets or little children
- Yes. I'm very concerned this will encourage under age drinking and a hole meriad of problems
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- My concern is over regulation. Who will be available to police or manage any drunk or disorderly conduct in the parks? In bars, there are trained bouncers, management, and servers who cut off drinkers for safety reasons - who will do this in the park?
- I support this but I want the smoking bylaws to remain in effect. The stink of cigarette/cannabis smoke is far worse than consuming liquor.
- No.
- Do it, but with a reasonable approach to policing and dispersing drunk and disorderly conduct.
- Allowing liquor consumption is a good idea and I encourage the City to adopt such a proposal.
- No reason for it
- It should be allowed anywhere in the park. Just need to make sure there are plenty of garbage/recelying bins around.
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- Nothing spoils a family outing quite like a bunch of intoxicated (or slightly intoxicated) people carrying on in loud voices, talking about things they would not talk about if they were totally sober. It only takes a few to spoil it for everyone.
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- People can drink on private property and in licensed facilities. No need to bring it into family parks.
- I have no concerns about responsible consumption of alcohol, anywhere in public. I only have concerns about poor behaviour combined with excessive consumption. Proper public behaviour should be encouraged, and fines handed out for destructive behaviour.
- It should be allowed in all parks, not just picnic sites! Most (or all) of my picnics are just on a blanket somewhere, not at a designated site/table.
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- it should be at parks too, but not the the picnic sites
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- Drinking and driving laws have been recently stepped up. Public intoxication is against the law. The things that would be a problem are already restricted. Relax and have a drink.
- None, this is decades late, we live in a nanny state.
- The rest of the world does this and it is not a problem - we are significantly behind the times and it is about time we caught up.
- No!!! This is a bad idea to allow alcohol
- I do not want them in small residential parks, they should only be in large parks.
- No
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- Bylaw and police being [removed]. Can you play frisbee with a beer in your hand? Do you have to have your name on the picnic site booking or just close to the picnic table?
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- I think it's a good idea
- People swear more, become more vulgar. Parks are made for families and children. Adults have so many places they can go and drink at.
- It is well past time that this was done. Forget the pilot project, just roll this out.
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- Don't have a problem with open liquor anywhere. The prohibited use cause hiding and littering of it.
- Needs to carefully enforced with public safety in mind.
- There is always some [removed] who ruins it for everyone else
- PLEASE don't allow liquor consumption in public places - we live along the river so regularly see the resulting disorderly conduct; the garbage left behind; the complete disregard for neighbours; and the participants then driving.

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- I think it should not be restricted to just picnic sites. I think relaxing it would make things so much easier for pop-up community events, summer patios etc.
- N/A
- I think we all know alcohol consumption in parks is already very common and typically not even discrete. I think we have great parks and allowing people to host bbqs and other gatherings with alcohol is great for Calgarians.
- One concern would be possibly be messes left behind by intoxicated guests. Could be managed by implementing steep fines for littering, and adding recycling bins, or waste removal services.
- I just don't feel alcohol needs to be consumed at public parks. There will always be the few who get out of control so it's best to just not allow it. It also brings up the question of how to police something like legal drinking in public parks.
- Sounds like a reasonable idea for those over 18 years old.
- Why isn't this a thing already?
- No
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- Yes. It will create a problem as many don't know a limit and will cause for people becoming intoxicated and this will lead to rude and undesirable behaviour
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- I believe responsible consumption of alcohol at picnic sites will have no effect on picnic sites or public behaviour. Disorderly behaviour by irresponsible drinkers can and does happen all the time even without liquor being allowed in public.
- Respect for police will increase with this project. People drink in parks already anyways, they just hide and lie about it. No brainer.
- Other developed countries already allow it (Australia, Germany, Japan, etc) so it's odd that Calgary doesn't. Current rules are archaic and waste the time for our bylaw and police officers.
- Yes. This is a terrible idea. O way alcohol should be allowed in parks!
- Adequate cleanup/garbage bins should be added to areas that will allow alcohol
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- Yes. Please let this city remain an ideal city to raise a family. There are other ways of making it attractive for alcoholics like creating new venues for alcohol consumption. Public venues frequented by families for recreation, not a good idea.
- People will do it anyways, let's encourage responsible behaviour that people want to do anyways
- Yes, parks are for children.
- No.
- Yes, I think if the consume of liquor is approved in the park picnic areas many families will stop going/using those facilities.

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- Yes, picnic sites are places to have fun with family and friends. As such here in calgary there are fewer days to spend outside . If such laws come, then families with kids have no where to go for enjoying the beautiful weather outside homes
- Allowing drinking in public parks could snowball. Who is going to monitor drinking, clean up the mess made by drunks, address safety concerns. When some people drink, they smoke. Are they going to drive home after drinking in the park?
- People who are gonna get belligerently drunk aren't going to be affected by the law... They'll do it regardless
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- While I may be in the majority of people who want a well-behaved and relaxed time in a public park with a few drinks, I know there will be bad apples that will sully the freedoms we would have earned. I think over time, however, it will be positive.
- No, it's not been a problem in other countries
- All designated liquor consumption areas should have appropriate garbage and recycling infrastructure available.
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- Dangerous plan, environment shouldn't be like as, pub or casino.
- No - let's give it a try.
- I support the idea.
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- Look at New Zealands public drinking laws. They work great.
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- Just concerned about drinking and driving, but I don't think this makes the likelihood any lower or higher.
- Stated above
- N/a
- It's ridiculous that it's not already allowed.
- Those who are already willing to drink and act irresponsibly in public are already going to be subversive of the existing rules, so the rules now only serve to punish those who would be law abiding and responsible.
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- none, as ot ia practised in Europe with no issues.
- There should be limits to how much alcohol you can have on hand per person who is partaking in consumption. That way there are still limits regarding amount ingested in a public place.

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- Drinking is legal, so people concerned with children being exposed to it need to focus on teaching their children about responsible drinking instead of hiding it from them.
- no! I think it's a great idea.
- Beer is almost certainly already being consumed at most of these parks. I'm not too worried about it
- I don't want my tax dollars doing towards policing , clean up or damages that may be needed.
- I don't understand why we can't have any alcohol in public. I'm from Japan and we don't have any issues with that! Some people drink in parks anyways having drink in travel mugs. There is no point to have the restrictions.
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- For goodness sake! Aren't there enough places to consume alcohol already, without exposing our parks to this?
- Considering the lack of public transit options to most parks, this seems unwise. Especially when combined with rafting
- Please add more garbage and recycling receptacles throughout city parks. This will help cut down on litter and the possibility of broken bottles
- People who will inevitably abuse this privilege.
- I would appreciate if alcoholic beverages were meant to be consumed discreetly. I would not want my children's birthday party next to a bunch of partygoers with beer cans all over the place.
- Its not good for other people, may harm them at the picnic site
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- dont do it bad idea
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- Obviously - everything in moderation. To be honest - there is nothing stopping anyone from getting drunk and being unruly in a public spot right now. This new project would allow responsible people to enjoy an afternoon. The law is STILL the law.
- The only concern would be drinking and driving.
- I am concerned about security of parks - not everyone will bring food, even though that would be part of the rule for allowance of liquor in parks. Some people might get out of hand.
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- We as a society already enough problems with alcohol and addictions. I don't see the need to promote it more. I can enjoy a day out without needing to drink.
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- As long as people clean up after themselves and act responsibly, I have no problems with it.
- it should go beyond just picnic sites.
- This is a great idea, and one that is allowed in many other places in the world. Making alcohol consumption more open will help destigmatize it and make binge drinking less appealing to youth in the long run.

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- Only regarding drunk driving
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- I am so happy that public spaces are liquor free in Canada. I come from a country where liquor is allowed and common in parks it always leads to glass being broken and unsafe environment for children.
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- Great initiative
- Great idea.
- No comments
- No
- As checked above
- No
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- Nope
- Alcohol turns things disorderly very quickly. Wine with a river/mountain view sounds lovely, but parties in public sound like a problem.
- We have lived all of these years without alcohol being permitted within public spaces; why does the City feel the need to change now? We have so many issues with drug use/abuse and cannabis; do we really need to expose our children to this, too??
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- Some concern over people hosting major parties at the sites, I do think there could be some challenges around volume of consumption.
- As long as there is no glass bottle consumption allowed, I think it should be fine
- No
- Maybe at the beginning you would need some security at sight, while people get used to behave while drinking in public
- no
- Sufficient recycling containers
- I think if there's picnic sites downtown that could lead to homeless people gathering there to drink instead of elsewhere, may be a problem.
- go home and drink
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- None that I can think of
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- It should never have been prohibited. Removing freedoms should be illegal when said freedom brings no harm to others.
- As stated earlier...parks are for all ages and under age person are not allowed in bars for a simple reason. It will almost certainly lead to smoking regulated substances.
- The only concern would be broken glass. Ensure lots of recycling is around or allow plastic/aluminum/cups only.
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- This is not a good idea to allow liquor in any city park.
- What policing would take place for those who would abuse the privilege.
- No.
- No
- Liquor should be at licensed establishments or in private residences alone.
- I think this is a great idea. Any perceived negative side affects are ones that we have already invited into our cities by allowing bars. Please let us enjoy our parks how we see fit.
- No
- hopefully everyone drinks responsibly and folks have designated drivers
- Consumption would be abused, concerns are noise, fights and not having any respect for other people around.
- People shouldn't be subjected to alcohol in any picnic sites and parks. Family friendly settings and not need to enjoy a fun event for families or those at the park
- I am concerned about additional litter that could be left behind and people becoming drunk, and behaving inappropriately.
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- Possible concerns with drinking and driving. Potential for educational campaign or more police presence?
- This concept feels like pampering to the few to the detriment of many. Liquor is by no means necessary for group enjoyment, particularly in a public and commonly family setting.
- no.
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- Its a great thing.
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- Would this have any effect on the at risk population downtown, having a space to abuse consumption?
- Over priced fees. Overly complicated restrictions. Extra overly zealous law enforcement.

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- I would hope that there would not be incidents relating to violence or drunk driving. There may be more homeless people around parks gathering bottles from trash or recycling. Broken glass at parks is also a concern.
- No.
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- Mainly as stated above people drinking before floating down the river.
- even it's designated site, people moves. those drunker may show up in other sites.
- The City is promoting exercise and be an outdoors, more healthy lifestyle. (Liquor in parks site propose is contradicting these principles).
- It's about time...
- No concerns
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- I would not want to go to parks that allow liquor due to safety concerns and peacefulness
- My main concern would be severe alcohol abuse leading to potential incidents. Also that it may encourage persons with addictions to congregate together at parks.
- How would the consumption be monitored? How can liquor be allowed but not cannabis? What about the purpose of Beer tents or beer gardens? Will that practice be obsolete?
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- Yes
- Yes.it promotes drinking and driving. ..antisocial behaviour. ..no need for it
- Limiting this to "designated picnic sites" is just a money grab. Both liquor and Cannabis should be allowed for adults to consume anywhere in parks away from playgrounds. This idea is a cash cow
- No, similar to restaurants can drink liquor doesn't mean anarchy :). Let's do this
- This is long overdue.
- No. Frankly, liquor is already consumed at picnic sites.
- None
- Legalizing areas to consume liquor will allow people to do what they have been doing for decades in a legal way, allowing bylaw officers to concern themselves with real problems.
- i would like to see this expanded beyond picnic sites, City should not be able to dictate how i use public spaces when it's done so legally/responsibly. in melbourne drinking (w food?) is allowed in parks between 11am and 8pm, this seems very reasonable
- no
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- I think quantities should have a limit to allow only very conservative amounts
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- Over indulgence of teenagers that can't handle their liquor and puke everywhere.

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- Obviously monitor to see if it does create more problems. I think most people are responsible and the trouble makers will make trouble regardless of the law.
- City raising prices
- would need more police supervision to ensure rules are followed
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- As discussed above, this is a self-defeating policy. The goal of this measure seems to be based on a flawed premise that limiting public drinking to a few areas will satisfy the desire for public consumption of alcohol when it may make it worse.
- Yes. Huge concerns about kids' safety and wellbeing.
- In my opinion that's not healthy for the city, the kids or families. I myself don't see any benefits.
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- I really do not see any good to come from this. People have a hard enough time self regulating with the current laws.
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- I just hope people take it seriously and don't leave a mess or ruin it for everyone following the rules.
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- As long as the rule is that is must be under control and with food, it should be fine. And like I said earlier, those who will cause trouble would have done so regardless. So policing the park will be more focused on the problem makers.
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- As I said above it would be impossible to regulate and be sure that is was being consumed moderately at the allowable area.
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- I think it would be harder to monitor "some picnic sites" vs "all picnic sites" in parks, which is why I chose the former option. I think that signage and information should accompany changes to park policy so people know what to expect in park areas.
- Just have rules and regulations in place to ensure adults are drinking RESPONSIBLY and not IRRESPONSIBLY
- Bad idea
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- I think if this goes through there would need to ensure that there are corresponding components that bottles/trash are appropriately disposed of, and that it's not an all night party place, that it's not underage drinking, or drunk and disorderly
- Yes.pls don allow liquor .Pls think of the younger generation and kindly make the city a safer place for all by not allowing liquor.Liquor impaires a normal behaviour , increases crime rates due to impaired behaviour as a result of drinking liquor
- Maybe set entire sections for yes liquor and other whole sections for no to liquor
- My only concern is people consuming to much and being disruptive or inappropriate
- I would be concerned about the impact on our homeless population
- No.
- This will not go over well if approved. Sadly, folks are not able to "drink responsibly". There will be disorderly conduct in public places and the potential for broken glass left everywhere.
- No
- I would be concerned about people consuming liquor irresponsibly and drinking and driving
- Prohibition doesn't work
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- I didn't know liquor consumption isn't allowed in parks - I see it all the time when walking. It should remain unallowed because ppl will drink alcohol anyway and if it is not allowed at least they will conceal it instead of it being out in the open.
- No
- No
- As long as there are suitable recycle options close by the site I have no concerns
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- No concerns. This should be allowed to make us a more progressive city.
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- The mere act of consuming alcohol in public with no other behavioural problems should not be illegal at all.
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- I would hope that the same laws for public intoxication or unruly behaviour elsewhere would apply at these picnic sites and dealt with appropriately.
- my concerns do not change. they include garbage, recycling, and compost waste. drinking and driving is a small concern, as peple who drink and drive would likelybe drinking in a city park already. i would like to see more recycling and compost
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- My main concern is that people be courteous and not let social gatherings get out of hand with obnoxious behaviour or littering.

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- Recycling
- Seems like a good idea
- When a person is booking a site, it should clearly state if alcohol will be consumed, and that info should be available to other people booking as well. That would ensure a child's birthday party wasn't booked beside last night's stag party.
- I am concerned that allowing consumption of alcohol in our City parks would also invite many unintended and unwanted consequences including unsafe or unruly behaviour, litter, safety concerns... I believe these risks far outweigh the potential benefits.
- As long as people are taking care of their empires there should be no issues.
- As long as it's not people going on benders and it's more of a social glass of wine or beer I see no issues.
- Potential for disorderly behavior. Those who would get disorderly though, are likely already sneaking booze into picnic sites anyway.
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- No. Let's do this.
- For this to be worth it there would have to be recycling and garbage cans at each site to encourage clean up of facilities.
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- European cities have been doing this for years. It takes away the stigma around alcohol being used responsibly.
- Scale it out across the city.
- No, I think it would be good
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- This should already be legal, in my opinion.
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- Make it happen across the board
- Do it! Calgary is always so delayed and blind eye to what is already happening. If it offends you, don't look.
- No, it should be fine. We have laws around being drunk in public
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- Please don't. It is bad enough that people can smoke here and bring pets etc. Just do it in your backyard.
- People learn how to not abuse, and if they do, fine them and make money.
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- It's working in Europe, so why not here? I do not believe that it would have an adverse effect on the community or children, they will be exposed to drinking eventually no matter what, and this promotes a more social drinking atmosphere, rather than binge

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- Yes, it will be issue for behaviour
- Concern is increased costs to monitor and police irresponsible usage.
- Yes, people consuming too much alcohol as well as leaving garbage behind, broken bottles, disorderly people
- For the love of god why are we so [removed] backwards and behind?
- If you allow alcohol then you will want to address tobacco and marijuana issues too. How much time will it require to police parks if liquor is allowed?
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- We go to picnic sites in the parks to enjoy a meal outside. Drinking liquor is not necessary to have a good time. If people feel they need to consume liquor in order to enjoy being outside they should stay home and drink in their backyard.
- PLEASE help change our archaic liquor laws!
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- We already have enough issues with drinking, smoking pot in public why spread bylaw eventhinner?
- Just wondering about people that might drink and then drive or drink and boat
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- I think you are inviting unwanted behaviour which then in turn affects other people who are trying to enjoy the park.
- Increased security if passed.
- No. It should be allowed at any of the sites in the park, not specific and certainly with no extra cost.
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- Yes, human nature is what it is and one must not overestimate it. People will abuse the privilege. The police have enough on their hands dealing with crime in the city and DUDs.
- Picnics with booze and pot will result in parties with undesirables in our parks. Also consider drinking and driving after the picnic, or prior to boating? This is wrong for a family having to witness this during a family outing. This is a bad decision.
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- No concerns
- only concern would be for more garbage
- My concern is for those who would not drink in moderation which could cause a disturbance for others especially small children also wanting to enjoy the area.

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- If we allow the consumption of liquor we must also allow the consumption of cannabis as well. There are existing laws to correct abhorrent behaviour.
- It's a stupid current council idea. Spend your money to reduce taxes
- Please go ahead with this! And once everyone is pleasantly buzzed, Reinvigorate the pot consumption in parks. I do not smoke pot, but as a legal substance it should have designated areas akin to smoking. I also don't smoke.
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- Nope
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- Not got behavior for kids
- N/a
- I believe it should not be allowed
- It is worthless considering. No alcohol in public park.
- no
- All checked above
- I don't think it's a necessary step to take. But if it does happen, it also could expand resources to patrol consumption sites and the surrounding area. I'd be happy if this did not go forward at all.
- It seems antediluvian to now allow public consumption of liquor.
- Yes...don't allow it. There are enough places to drink now
- No. I have lived in places which allow public consumption in public spaces and I have witnessed very little inappropriate behavior in such settings. Enforcing inappropriate behavior (like any other situation) should be the solution.
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- No
- All the areas regarding this questionnaire should have appropriate policing.
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- It should be where no kids are allowed. The drinkers should be directly charged for any damage related to their behavior. Park should be close to transit so cars can be left at home
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- Yes, i don't want my kids to see that.
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- I think it should be limited to just beer and wine and with a limit to how much you can bring in. For example a case of 12 beer or 2 bottles of wine for a group of 4-6.

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- There will need to be appropriate recycling containers
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- Yes. Broken glass. Garbage left behind. Homeless looking for bottles. Groups of people hanging out all day getting intoxicated. Next it will be to allow cannabis, which will affect the enjoyment of those around them. More resources used to police it.
- i can't smoke why should anyone be allowed to consume alcohol or eat for that matter
- Please don't do it, we don't need to encourage uncontained disorderly behaviour.
- Safety concerns, particularly safety for my family
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- I think it's already happening so any incremental risks are small.
- I think that the public should be able to do law abiding activities that do not disrupt others. Alcohol in limited volumes will not impact surrounding sights. I do not agree with allowing marijuana as the smoke travels and impacts other park users.
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- I do not think it is a good idea. Then what is next, smoking pot?
- just that it is totally unnecessary and risky
- Stop the nanny state. Appeal of Europe is that they treat their citizens as adults who can make their own decisions. If somebody wants to drink in a public place he will consume anyway. Why do I need to be punished?
- Broken Glass. Would need proper disposal control.
- Added waste, need to ensure proper disposal bins are available
- It should be allowed.
- My only serious concern...lack of washrooms. One thing that does prevent me from enjoying all the parks is lack of ladies washrooms. Plus dogs peeing everywhere is frustrating
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- Whole lot of concerns. Some of them mentioned above
- I don't. I already feel lots of people already do drink and just hide it. Now people can do it in the open rather than hide it.
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- Concerned about overconsumption
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- No.
- I do drink socially, please don't get me wrong. I enjoy consuming liquor, however I am strongly against allowing in City of Calgary parks. We don't allow in CoC arenas for various reasons, we should review those reasons. Thanks.

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- low and moderate alcoholic beverages like beer and wine should be allowed; high proof liquor should not be
- Littering. If this is allowed the proper recycling containers must be available
- Yes. Parks should be a peaceful place and at the same time wholesome for the whole family. Alcohol consumption is just not the right thing for parks.
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- Don't do it. This is why we can't have nice things.
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- This is a gateway question to consuming pot in parks. Why is this a discussion only a few months after the legalization of pot? No to alcohol and no to pot in parks.
- If liquor will be allowed marijuana should be allowed first as it is medically used
- Nope! This is a great idea.
- Yes. Unnecessary to allow this.
- Better recycling organization, cans/compost/garbage/ashtray
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- No
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- As long as there is a culture of responsibility regarding liquor as there is in Quebec and Europe then there will be no issue with allowing beer and wine into parks.
- I do not think drinking should be allowed in public parks.
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- The focus should be on responsible consumption rather than where consumption should take place.
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- I personally against it. There is no way to control amount consumed. And how often would site be cleaned if the people who use those site do not care for the site.
- Drinking excessively and driving is still a major concern. This would just increase the amount of drunk drivers on the road.
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- I think it's a risky move when thinking of persons with substance abuse issues, and intoxicated persons ruining a family's picnic.
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- Monitoring of picnic grounds for misbehaviour of any kind is important and allowing drinking would require extra vigilance.

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- Don't encourage public drunkenness. Don't do this!
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- Yes
- My only concern is with respect to drinking & driving. Public education is helping that and parks are not open late at night so it is not of huge concern
- Do not allow
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- Perhaps a limit that you can bring.
- Should be allowed
- I would like to have liquor allowed in parks.
- I'm concerned that parks are primarily used by families with children. The exposure of alcohol and alcohol related behaviours to children may lessen the number of families wanting to use the parks.
- A glass of wine or a beer at a park? Nice. But people tend to overdo it, many will over-consume resulting in inappropriate behaviour, noise, risk of DUI. Bylaws aimed to prevent this are unlikely to be enforced sufficiently or in a timely manner.
- Enforcement to ensure people aren't abusing and disrespectful of the park space/other users.
- Please don't allow liquor to be consumed in public place it's not safe
- No
- There is no need to open up public city parks for this. Families utilize these spaces often and there are several other options and venues that could offer liquor consumption.
- None - I think it will lead to higher park use, and engage younger people without children to enjoy our parks more often.
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- It should be allowed at all picnic sites
- Allow it or just don't ticket people being discreet
- I think we are getting to be a ridiculous high regulated bylaw happy city ...
- There are some great examples of liquor consumption in parks when properly regulated - see San Francisco
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- This would be a big mistake
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- Liquor consumption in public places is the norm in many countries around the world without issue. Pretty sure Calgarians are equally capable.
- people over drinking and being disorderly
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- I realise it is a money grab. How are you going to enforce this? ???Waste valuable police time to wonder around parks to ensure all visitors have an alcohol permit?
- Make it so that when they book it you know exactly who it is and if they do something wrong they get charged
- No
- No
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- No
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- Allowing alcohol in public parks is the initial step to allow public intoxication
- Underage use, younger generation taking advantage and not being responsible (or being disorderly) and ruining it for the responsible ones. A suggestion is to make the age for public/picnic liquor consumption to 21+ or 25+
- No
- I am strongly against it
- No real concerns, those that currently abuse liquor in teh park will likely continue to do so but I don't think there will be an upswing in incidents.
- I think a small percentage of people will abuse the privilege and cause problems for everyone.
- Who comes up with these ideas!
- Safety concerns
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- safety
- I think most people can use this privilage in a considerate and safe manner. There are always a handful of people who have no consideration for anyone else and hopefully that small population won't ruin it for everyone else.
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- Don't be overly intoxicated and clean up after yourself.
- Yes I have grave concerns, public places should never allow liquor. Public places have children and other relegious people who can object. Drinking is a private and should only be done at home or pubs not in public parks etc.
- As mentioned above, requiring a liquor license to keep those participating responsible would be a great idea.
- I think that as with any privledge extended, it needs to be used responsibly, but I for one would like to see this change made.

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- Just people getting out of hand. Maybe it's possible to set a limit of drinks allowed?
- alcohol is legal, making it illegal in our parks is stupid, people that want to drink will drink regardless of the rules so please take the civilized route and make it legal for the city
- No
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- I think it's unnecessary.
- No comments. Absolutely terrible idea. Please think about healthy future for our kids!
- No
- Yes. Unless they will have enough police officers to patrol these areas to ensure the safety of those consuming and those around us, I hope this is not approved.
- Bottle and can recycling should be provided and signs at the sites should encourage recycling.
- NO
- How would this be enforced? There are already so many issues with lack of pathway etiquette, illegal parking on grass on busy long weekends, etc, that alcohol would just add fuel to the fire.
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- Dangerous and risk to the public
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- I lived in Montreal during University where consumption of liquor in parks is allowed, so long as it is accompanying a meal. Snacks did not count. This was surprisingly easily enforced.
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- Concern - drunk and disorderly conduct
- No
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- N9
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- No. The people it will impact are going to be typically law abiding, responsible citizens. If you're ok with getting too intoxicated in public, you're already doing it & don't need bylaw approval.
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- Bad behaviour. Fights/ violence. There is no way to enforce people only drinking at their picnic site unless you have security at every site.
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- If liquor is allowed then pot should also be allowed which is detrimental to anyone in close proximity to those who will overindulge.
- Should not be allowed

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- Should not allow liquor in public area
- All as checked off above.
- Please think twice before allowing this
- Controls people
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- My concerns would be the disorderly behaviour from some after drinking and disrupt other families with children who are at the site. Since most of the picnic areas have children, I don't think it's a good idea to have alcohol involved.
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- No
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- I would prefer to see 'beer garden' settings where alcohol is better controlled, as a pilot. A concession within a restricted area is a better way to introduce drinking to parks.
- No. When will The Calgary Stampede grounds be licenced!? Now there is an idea!
- completely in favor. Treat people like adults and they should respond in kind and behave like adults. Those that behave like idiots when consuming alcohol will continue to do so - regardless of if they are allowed to or not
- Aren't my rights to enjoy non-drunken groups around my picnic sites important too?
- No
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- Have ample recycling/bottle receptacles available for the increase in cans and glass.
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- no
- It is not uncommon in Europe to go the park and have a beer or a bottle of wine with the picnic. AS long as you were responsible no one bothered you and it did not affect the other parties in the park.
- No
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- Yes, it will be a bad bad idea and ruin the family oriented joyful atmosphere at the parks. Kids will be desensitized to drinking and rowdy behaviour.
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- Parks are for family use. There does not need to be additional places that people can abuse alcohol.
- Garbage and disorderly conduct for those who use inappropriately.
- People might consume in designated picnic sites, but after that they will go around the site being drunk. Usually there are a lot of children at the sites. And there is a big concern about the safety issue at sites.
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- No.
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- Please do it! we are still in a economic downturn and picnics and parks are perfect for folks to be able to have a nice time without spending a lot of money.
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- None
- Drinking and driving. But people do that without the open liquor at picnic sites anyways.
- Liquor should not be allowed at park picnic sites!!!!!!
- I feel that public intoxication could still be monitored by law enforcement but the freedom to go out for a day with family and enjoy a few drinks would be wonderful!
- Just that it should be an all or none or rules will get confusing. There will have to be more patrols on at parks so people behave.
- Nope.
- I would be concerned about people getting intoxicated and belligerent in the park. Also the possible increase in rubbish.
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- why are we wasting my tax dollar on this issue!!!???
- Safety, litter (glass etc)
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- Please let adults be adults and consume liquor (and cannabis) in a responsible manner in public.
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- There should be reasonable limits to how much - such as you can't bring a keg or a flat of 24 beer.
- I think it's a positive advancement for Calgary. I believe this should also be allowed on things like pedal cycles etc which is legal in other parts of NA.
- Make sure there are sufficient recycling containers for cans and bottles.
- This is not right. People to parks to relax not to worry about safety
- Who will regulate this activity? How will this impact their current calls for service? Have those enforcement bodies been consulted on this initiative?

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- when people are drunk they do things they normally would not. This is a risk to our children and anyone that may be confronted by them.
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- It will inevitably be abused and will make it that much harder for families to enjoy quality time with that disorder around them.
- Yes, why are you bothering with this? Alcohol should not be permissible where families and children frequent. Why cant I have a beer at the pool? Why cant I have a beer in the stands of the hockey arena? Why cant I have a beer walking down the street?
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- No liquor
- As always let rule common sense and not more complicated bylaws
- dont encourage it. you will have more people under the age of 18 drinking and no one to supervise
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- No concerns, why make people hide this activity
- I think it's a no-brainer. It's already happening anyways regardless of legislation, this just allows the City to create new framework to control how people are consuming so that it is a responsible but relaxed environment.
- Enforcement of rules would be needed as people already do this but are hiding it and keep it on "the down-low", with it being allowed people might go too far, party too hard, and act like a bunch of goons and be offensive to other parks users.
- N/A
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- No. In Europe is ok so why not in Canada?
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- I think it's a fine idea. If we normalize responsible alcohol consumption in public areas I feel children will see its less of a big deal when they start being curious about alcohol. In Europe lots of countries allow for public drinking(not intoxication).
- I don't think having open liquor in a public place should be an issue at all. Having drunk and disorderly in a public place is an issue, but those people can get drunk in a pub and still be disorderly in a park. Where you consume it isn't the issue.
- Nope, it's about time we grow up as a society. I think this is a great idea!
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- I'd like to see liquor consumption allowed in parks, regardless of whether a site is booked or not.
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- No

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- Glass/extra trash would be my only concern.
- If liquor can be consumed, can recreational pot also be consumed?
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- There will undoubtedly be citizens who abuse this law, but these same citizens already drink to intoxication when/if they want to in public. The benefit will be responsible consumption by most. SEE: Western Europe, Japan, etc.
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- Yes, as kids are still being exposed to it. Also you can not control how different groups behave after consuming it. It can create lawlessness.
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- No.
- No
- No
- No concerns
- Why not allow open liquor consumption more freely throughout parks? It doesn't do any harm to expose people to responsible and safe consumption within legal limits.
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- N/a
- More chances of drinking & drive, affect children as they will be exposed to see the liquor use, and safety concerns.
- Younger kids getting out of control and bothering people. People who are against liquor no longer able to use these parks. If park is not heavily regulated like a bar is, people could have a higher risk of alcohol poisoning.
- What are we trying to bring to the society. Think of the young generation and stop this encouragement of having liquor permitted in the parks.
- As I said first liquor then Cannabis. Neither should be consumed or used in city parks.
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- Will encourage teens and drinking and driving or drinking and floating behaviours due to lack of oversight.
- mostly it's encouraging drunk drive and bad behaviors. people do stupid things after drinking a few beer. i heard a senior city official was forced to retire because of this.
- Everywhere else in the world this is allowed and there aren't issues of public intoxication or impaired driving

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- I have concerns that this could open the door to public consumption of cannabis in future. It would probably also be best to exclude picnic sites within a specified proximity to playgrounds. eg Confed Park has a couple of sites right beside the playground
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- again, don't require a booking. That's what triggers a greater amount of liability. You also need to coordinate closely with CPS to enforce public intoxication.
- Stay out of my freedom
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- Disorderly behavior
- No concern, as we have enough drinking laws
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- Concerns of property damage, DUIs, disorderly behaviour. Limit available parks, so that people can be monitored more closely.
- If you're going to allow it, please have bylaw/peace/police officers actually patrolling the area regularly. I don't mean once every few weeks, I mean every other day or something; I don't want to deal with drunkenness when I'm out and about.
- No
- Nope
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- Proper recycling containers would be an obvious necessity, and would directly benefit the city.
- Cannabis should also be allowed if you are going to allow alcohol.
- I would not be interested in going to the parks that allow liquor on site. We have enough places in this city for people to enjoy both. It's not needed in greenspaces.
- I think it is reasonable to allow the activity. Disorderly conduct can be dealt with by the police side of things. Similar to having a drink at home, and then going outside.
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- don't do it
- Don't see any need for that.
- A major concern is people that would take advantage of being able to consume liquor at a picnic/park by getting intoxicated and becoming obnoxious, belligerent or destroying the area and/or enjoyment of other patrons.
- Let's get into the 21 century, what's wrong with having a drink while enjoying the park
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- Don't agree with the notion but it will of course happen. So once the parks that allow alcohol & MJ are established, some of us would be required to drive across town to a park without these features. So no going to parks, I like my peace on walks.
- The rest of the free world allows it, why is Canada so far behind?

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- In Central Park you are allowed to bring alcohol so I think it would be a good model to replicate in terms of managing risk from the City's standpoint
- This should not be location specific. Users should be able to expect the same level of behaviour at ALL parks.
- People can be obnoxious enough when sharing spaces, do we really need another reason to be unkind.
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- You can have a great time without drinking.
- No
- I think that as being drunk/disorderly in public is still an offense, we'd be able to enjoy liquor in parks while still having consequences for those who take it too far.
- Allow it everywhere! Not just at picnic sites.
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- No concerns. Public alcohol consumption is allowed and socially accepted in the majority of the world. Look to Europe and Asia for examples. Nothing changes from consuming liquor in public, the same social expectations apply.
- I think it is an all out excellent idea that allows adults to spend more time enjoying nature while enjoying a beverage
- Potential for youths (high school grad groups) abusing the privilege at first, until the novelty has worn off.
- Only to ensure enough recycling receptacles are available
- do not allow. safety is more important than money to some people.
- The way it is now is fine. If it becomes legal the flood gates will open for illegal behavior.
- No
- I don't think it's a good idea overall
- Just that the discouragement (penalties) of littering (leaving bottles and cans lying around) is made very clearly through signage and enforcement.
- My only concern is how drinking would be held accountable as to not get out of control. i do not believe this is a huge issue, however.
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- No I do not.
- It's a great idea, make some way to report bad behaviour

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- Could be taken advantage of by certain people, and sometimes drunk people can be assholes. Only concern would be for someone behaving in an abusive manor, but as long as there are police patrolling (like they normally do anyways), then all good!
- Parks should be a safe place for children to play without the concern of misbehaviour etc arising from drunk individuals. Also driving after driving at the park etc. This is a bad idea on many levels
- Yes!!!
- Public consumption of alcohol will only result in liability for the city and increase in violence. It is an idiotic idea.
- Over consumption and irresponsible consumption occurs in parks and in the river now anyhow so there may be more public awareness and responsibility
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- Parks would need to have more recycling bins to prevent empty bottles littering the park. Why only at picnic sites - what if I picnic on a blanket in the grass?
- Parks are to be safe and family friendly I think adding alcohol takes away from this
- I don't think it's appropriate. I'm concerned there will be more drinking and driving. I'm concerned about exposure to children of drinking and rowdy behaviour. I'm concerned about inappropriate and disorderly behavior in public.
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- no
- there will still be ability to enforce over consumption or unruly behaviour, though mechanisms to report this may be limited or will need to be more robust.
- As long as people are respectful to the environment and other park users it should be fine.
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- No, people are already drinking in parks
- I think it's fine and we are being way too strict. European cities allow it and it works. Me seeing someone drink doesn't make me want to drink more. Whatever happens to the individual drinking, it is on them and we are all liable for our actions.
- No.
- Follow Europe on this
- Parks are busy enough.
- I would prefer if only beer and wine is allowed.
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- No
- Pilot test it. I bet not nearly as many negative things will occur as people fear.
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- Disorderly conduct should not be tolerated whether from liquor or pot
- n/a
- I'm originally from the UK where liquor consumption is legal in many areas, i've witnessed many violent altercations, children drinking and generally a lower standard of social responsibility. I love Canada because it doesn't have these issues.
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- As mentioned above, I'm very concerned about people drinking responsibly. Also I'm trying to teach my children about responsible drinking and not having to drink at every outing or social event.
- Thanks for having this conversation.
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- None. It is already an offence to be intoxicated in public, so if people are belligerent, they will be arrested.
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- no
- No.
- I'm very concerned about the drinking and driving issue and the littering issue more than anything.
- NO CONCERNS AS LONG AS THERE IS A MEANS TO PATROL AND ENFORCE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CREATING ISSUES
- If at all it is allowed, place should be enclosed and does not encourage children and any inappropriate behavior be limited to that enclosure
- It should not be allowed. Liquor makes a person incapable of thinking straight and the person can do anything wrong.
- Should allow for cannabis consumption as well but that's not in the cards. Maybe this can be a first step.
- No
- I just hope for garbage and recycling bins!
- Liquor consumption within reason should be allowed in public parks. Overuse and public intoxication is a separate issue. Children exposed to responsible consumption are more responsible later.
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- I don't think we will see quiet couples drinking wine in parks, I believe the main thing this will attract is large groups of drunken younger people.
- as explained above
- Nothing more than what I have already stated.
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- This would be a very bad idea for the City. In a family area like a park, you are likely to attract young adults, with no children who are there simply to consume. It's a bad mix.

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- No. Alcohol is already consumed illegally I. Parks
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- Concerns as noted above.
- Unfortunately our society generally lacks the self control Needed for this to be viable.
- The vast majority of Calgarians would drink responsibly and there would be no noticeable difference in how picnic sites are used.
- Is it not enough of pollution that already exists without the menace of liquor?
- This is not a good idea, Parks are not meant to be liquor drinking places, they are for families, children and friends.
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- People in the community may abuse this, but honestly they already do even though it's illegal. There could be more underage drinking, but again possibly not more than currently exists. Most people will be responsible with consumption, granted not all.
- Yes am concerned about ill effects it would have on our youth.
- I live across the street from a small park that, from time to time, has teenagers hanging out way past the 11:00 pm close. If drinking becomes legal there, it might get out of control.
- nope the europeans have allowed it for years.
- No, we are all adults
- Why no open more space for family no for drink places
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- Our parks will get trashed by people who don't care once they have had a few, again a few.
- Must have clear signage that it is a liquor designated park, conversely non-liquor parks should be signed for non-consumption
- Although alcohol is restricted, when you walk through the parks there is always evidence of liquor. By permitting it I believe it will become a bigger problem. There will be more drinking and driving. Why do we need to change this?
- I live 2 blocks from one of the major public use parks in the city, the drunk driving is my major concern
- No
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- I do not agree that there should be additional charges to consume alcohol at picnic sites. I believe they should be monitored as parks are currently monitored and all parks should be monitored more in general without an added cost.
- no

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- If bylaw would enforce the laws that exist I might believe this is a workable plan. However, I don't foresee bylaw around on long weekends and Sundays to enforce proper behaviour.
- Huge concern. Why are we promoting alcohol drinking in the public area where vulnerable children are around. We are absolutely going backwards, health promotion exercise & healthy living should be our focus.
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- Unruly behaviour
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- How would be people arrive/depart from the park - probably driving - I had thought we were trying to decrease drink/drive opportunities. How does this mix with other users?
- Other cities seem to do just fine. The "troublemakers" are actually made that way by restrictive laws.
- Consistency. Marijuana has less of an impact than alcohol, so both should be allowed. (ie: beer cans and trash left over compared to people smoking marijuana via vapes or cigarettes)
- In my experience people underestimate the effect that alcohol has on them. Alcohol often makes people a little bit louder and a little bit ruder. I think allowing alcohol in parks would create a less inviting atmosphere especially for families with kids
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- No
- No
- I assume that public drunk and disorderly laws would still apply. Someone could have a drink or two but they couldn't be publicly intoxicated.
- Again driving under influence. Trashing the parks. Etc
- About time!
- No, it's about time we did what Europe has been doing for centuries.
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- No
- There are enough private places where alcohol can, and is, consumed. The city should maintain its' ban on public property.
- No liquor
- Alcohol is already consumed in parks whether it is allowed or not.
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- I would never use a public place or allow children in a place where liquor is being consumed. Ashamed, the city is even considering such a by-law. Survey ques poorly structured. Pubs don't allow children so we take liquor to children, WOW city council
- Don't agree
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- Why is this even being considered? Lunacy!
- I am in favour of it. Recycling needs to be made available for empties.
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- People will abuse and transient people will be there eating a sandwich and drinking hard liquor, causing intimidation and fear
- Will need clear rules and expectations outlined prior to booking sight, and clear consequences for not following
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- Broken bottles, discarded cigarettes and litter would, for sure, get worse. And I don't get what the big deal is why people 'need' alcohol.
- No fun to see drunkards in public.
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- Nothing other than I listed above. I have a general concern that some people would abuse this and ruin it for everyone that enjoys drinking responsibly.
- Very bad effect on children.
- people already drink but don't get caught or authorities turn a blind eye to the consumer if there are no problems...leave it as a law against the drink so authorities do have some teeth for charges....
- How will you police this? How will the homeless community be treated if they choose to sit and consume alcohol at one of these proposed venues? Will in encourage more underage drinking?
- All good
- Very few resources to effective enforce bylaw or monitor the situation. Drinkers will overtake the sites over time and site reputation will suffer as a family friend or even safe location for any gathering.
- Please, please, please don't approve this- let patks remain as calm, fun, family places
- No
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- lack of self control/discipline by some park goers would spoil the day for those gong to enjoy the park for the park itself. There are ALWAYS rowdies, and enforcement would only arrive after the day, and possibly the park is ruined

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- The concern is that it goes against the "don't drink and drive" message and also it may bring more violence when people drink.
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- Big concern about cannibis use in public parks more than liquor
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- Residents are already bringing alcohol into parks, on the river etc. so let's make it legal and monitor it properly.
- This will provide a benefit for law abiding citizens who otherwise would not consume liquor in a public area. The individuals who may abuse this, are likely to already do so regardless of the change in regulations.
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- None
- yes, if its bad, why do you let people drink at all. ban alcohol completely if its a social problem
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- More garbage cans and recycling bins
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- In Japan there are almost no public consumption regulations, and I would rather see Canada become more like that culture than any of the third world ones.
- I would hope that there would be recycling areas available to ensure no added trash.
- Don't need liquor to enjoy the outdoors!!!!!!
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- None, there will always be some exceptions but they will be exceptions regardless of rules
- Follow Montreal's model with allowing liquor with food and it should be great.
- It's excessive. There are other places where alcohol should be allowed in public before this, like at a neighbourhood block party.
- Not a good decision
- It is long overdue...
- it's a useless by-law all ready. No one really adheres to it.
- Don't complain about an increase in bad incidents caused by this and be responsible for what you are allowing to be exposed to general public...
- I think it's unnecessary because if people want to drink liquor, they can do so at a restaurant or at home.
- No concerns.
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- Concern about how long it will take to approve this!
- Not really; I truly believe that people will be responsible about their consumption and usage
- Should be allowed everywhere not just parks
- All above checked points and mentioned comments are my concerns.
- Not much different than drinking on a patio or in a friends backyard.
- Drinking in parks or picnic areas would lead to disorderly conduct and stress police services.
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- I do not believe that there would be an increase in disorderly conduct. Those who are going to engage in irresponsible liquor consumption are already doing so in parks. These are the same people that will be disorderly - not those who follow the bylaws.
- As above. There is a time and a place for alcohol, and a park is definitely not one of them.
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- NO. Neither my family or friends need to be needless exposed to public consumption of alcohol which is illegal in all of Canada did you think about this question after you built question 2 and the check boxes as to what are your biggest concerns about all
- As along as it is controlled an monitored. It only takes a few to ruin the experience for many
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- Let's face it, people are already drinking in parks when they have picnics, now they are breaking the law, that would be the only difference.
- Increase in disorderly behavior is top of mind. Also a potential increase in amount of littering as well as potential damage to parks.
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- Not at all, I think you should be able to drink it anywhere in the park, why have designated areas? It doesn't affect other people like smoking does. We have to stop being a nanny state and this would be a great first step. The laws can deal with DUI etc.
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- It has to be done responsibly and that would be hard to manage
- None at all. Provide public accessible means to recycle empty containers and generate revenue for the city!
- Recent publicity noted that there is a paucity of places for younger people to socialize that do not encourage liquor consumption. Parks are one such place, allowing liquor consumption might remove some already-sparse options.
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- Not really. Perhaps make it cans only so not glass gets broken.

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- Please don't allow this. These are designed to be family friendly sites, and if it is allowed, I can guarantee 100% it will be abused. This will reduce the enjoyment for many, to please a few people who can't enjoy a day in the sun without beer goggles.
- I think that the majority of people who choose to consume liquor at designated picnic sites will be responsible.
- Yes there are many of them like safety to the people that are coming to enjoy the park, kids, drinking and driving, inappropriate behaviour may occur etc
- A strong yes vote for allowing liquor consumption
- I understand the issue of wanting to keep things clean. Enforce fines for littering but liquor should be allowed.
- Has there been a study of other cities in Canada that have allowed alcohol. Also would it not be in violation of our liquor laws
- My only concern would be that it gets taken advantage of and people become disrespectful
- Liquor will not get passers by drunk but pot may get other high. Liquor should be allowed on public
- Shouldn't be allowed.
- We have bigger issues in our parks than law abiding citizens enjoying a drink with their picnic. Focus on policing the rampant drug use in the downtown parks.
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- Having lived in cities where this was allowed in public parks, and the amount of smashed empty bottles, puke on sidewalks, passed out individuals, and discarded needles that were seen around those parks ... It's not something I would like to see for yyc
- The main concern is drinking and driving, just as it would be attending any event where there is liquor. Another comment is what about considering cannabis consumption at these picnic sites as well?
- It would bring us into the 20th century...its been done in Europe forever!!
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- No
- Just, dont drink and drive.
- Try to find something possitive and bring more benefits else than liquor
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- I understand that the city does not set ALGC legislation, but it seems rather ridiculous that there would be so much regulation over the consumption of alcohol in public. Europe allows public drinking without much issue. Wish we could do the same here.
- I do not think that we need to have Liquor in parks.
- very odd that you are even suggesting liquor in public parks this city has become unsafe due to the weird counsel we have
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- Understand there may be additional cost for monitoring of parks but also opportunity for additional revenue from bottle recycling. Have groups responsible for recycle facility/service, ie. scouts, guides, etc.
- Only comment is that you would need more recycling receptacles.
- DO NOT DO IT - WHY do we need to increase the number of impaired drivers?
- No
- Please have options for just a few park areas where children can play safely without alcohol consumption being around. It is fine for some events but not all.
- it will become a norm for younger kids to see that it is ok to drink in public - very high chance of young kids drinking until unless there is a strong security
- No.
- This has seemed to work for europeans for many years, and people probably already consume at parks now.
- How will the rules be enforced? What should other park patrons do if a group becomes disorderly?
- How will consumption be monitored and/or enforced to ensure the enjoyment of ALL who enjoy our public parks.
- I think passing this law will increase activity and community in the parks. Calgary is home to a great biking community! I'm excited at the prospect of riding my bike around this summer and having a beer in the park with friends afterwards.
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- Please review what eastern europeans society is like
- Tooooo. Much government here. Just leave us alone. We're all adults and able to think for ourselves
- maybe try it in one small park and then expand.
- It would be nice to have a beer (legally) with your hotdog during the summer days. Lots of people do it anyhow...
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- If you are not going to increase police presence in these areas to monitor theft and break-ins, let alone drunk drivers, why would this even be a consideration? Not everyone in this province needs a beer or a bong to relax...
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- answered above. Mine is not a religious concern nor is my concern about children seeing it' that can be a natral part of growing up. My concern is for the fac that one should not NEED to drink on our parks ...for the reasons stated above.
- No
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- Generally a good idea, however would obviously need to be monitored for excessive alcohol consumption, increased litter, etc.
- I'm in favour of this idea, I love the idea of kicking back at a picnic table with a book and a cup of rose.
- Areas should be more regulated and patrolled in case of alcohol related crimes
- I think this would be pretty sweet. It might increase the chances that I actually book a picnic site in the future.
- Safety issues
- dont make it cost money
- this should have happened decades ago
- Nope! I think its great!
- No concerns, believe adults can handle themselves in a mature manner and wouldn't want to abuse the privilege to do so
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- Not at this time
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- Almost every other city in the world (except most Canadian cities) allows liquor consumption in public. This is long overdue.
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- No
- The fact that you must have food to consume liquor, I have no concerns.
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- The City has to be really clear about how they plan to prevent and address rowdiness, underage drinking, drunken messes etc. I mean come on, picnic sites are going to become May-Long drunken camp trips. Fun, but leave it for May Long camp sites
- No
- It shouldn't be allowed simply. The risk is too big and it takes long time change things after incident.
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- No concerns
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- See # 1 above. Otherwise - no
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- I think there will no doubt be people who would abuse the privilege, but people abuse just about every privilege we already have. The responsible consumption of alcohol in public parks would be enjoyed by more than those who are irresponsible.

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- I see no need for a place where people are allowed to drink in public with no checks in place
- Yes. People may abuse that and liquor consumption won't only be limited to the designated sites. Some people may walk into others areas in the park and the consequences are not restricted to these sites only. It will affect other people around
- None that I haven't voiced above
- Littering of cans and drinking and driving
- No
- Must have limits to amount, and time restrictions.
- I like and appreciate the parks in Calgary the way they are. People behave differently when under the influence, when have enough problems with unruly people as it is adding alcohol is a recipe for disaster. Let's keep our parks the way they are.
- Consuming liquor at public parks and picnic sites happen all the time. People seem to already be using discretion when at these sites and around children/families.
- Increase enforcement of existing laws and stop making new ones. Hold people accountable for their actions, and don't punish those who are being respectable of the laws and the people around them. Having a beer in my hand does not make me a drunken fool.
- Thanks you for taking the initiative. This has been a long time coming.
- It's just not necessary. Most sites are pretty full already so you don't need to change policy to entice people to come.
- Not at all
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- About time!
- Assuming that the bylaws/laws regarding intoxication are still enforced, I Have no concerns.
- Every time I have stayed in an Alberta provincial park, it was ruined by unruly drinking. Any amount of alcohol impairs driving.
- The only concern would be people drinking to excess. You'd hope there'd be some common sense for people to drink responsibly
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- No.
- My only concern would be littering.
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- I just think the likelihood of there being problems is high. People do drink anyways, and they are always rowdy and disrespectful and messy. Making it legal will only make this worse.
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- People can actually have a fine time with their families without alcohol

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- No
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- i think it is a good idea and in line with public spaces throughout the world. I don't think there would be an increased safety risks as intoxication laws would remain the same.
- IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED OPENLY IN PUBLIC PLACES.
- There are plenty of places to go have a drink and be social.
- I am against this use - it will result in poor behavior and potential ramifications with children present
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- While I think it would be good for people to enjoy a drink at a local park. I think the increase in problems that would arise is not worth having.
- What was the reason we didn't allow liquor consumption years ago.
- Take the bureaucratic stick out your [removed] and have fun, government.
- The concern I might have is drinking and driving. I would prefer smaller parks within walking distance of our home.
- No
- Too much potential for trouble!!!!
- No
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- Make sure there are enough bins to recycle. Fines to those who misuse the space.
- Provide recycle bins and have a no glass container rule
- I'm going to drink, wherever I want to drink, regardless of what the government has to say about it. The government is already too involved in our lives. Leave us alone and let us have a drink in the park ya [removed].
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- The regulations should be revised to allow for liquor in all city parks. Including those parks that do not have picnic sites. There are some parks along the river for example that would be a nice place to have a drink, but they do not have any tables.
- I'd like to say yes... what's wrong with a beer at a family picnic?! BUT, anyone with experience with alcoholism & addiction (yes, it's legal now) knows if you give an inch, they'll take a mile.
- No
- yes, if liquor is allowed, is smoking pot next?
- I believe that our parks should be safe places for all to enjoy. I don't think that adding liquor would enhance the environment. I also wonder if alcohol is allowed under certain conditions where would the resources come from to monitor compliance.

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- I think this is an amazing idea! You can drink in parks all over Europe and it has been a long time coming for the trend to start being picked up in North America. Calgary is an amazing city to live in, and I think this might just put it over the top!
- Drinking in parks is legal in most parts of the world and as well as in a few states in America I don't see the problem with it as long as people are behaving and if they are not give them a ticket for it.
- Please don't turn this into a cash grab.
- Yes, public intoxication. If you are not allowing Cannabis, which most of the time calms people down. why would you allow liquor. Which makes people more aggressive.
- No
- Please allow liquor at parks.
- Nope
- No, people do it anyways so it would be nice not having to hide it
- Yes, that limiting the consumption to very specific sites will cause issues. The vibrancy of public spaces allowing alcohol consumption is astonishing (Rome, Vienna, Berlin) etc. Let's be world class.
- No
- I think this should be a non-issue. We already have ways of managing public intoxication; people should be allowed to have a drink in the parks that they fund with their tax dollars
- I think it would be a good step in reflecting how our city values constant social advancement and how they are responding to the wants of Calgarians
- You are trying to deter drinking and driving by allowing police to demand breathalyzer tests without reason, now you are encouraging us to partake in public. Where are people going to go the bathroom? Can you say Oxymoron/Mixed messages!?!
- Just drinking and driving , disorderly conduct .
- seems totally reasonable
- No, but if we end up allowing it there needs to be enforcement to make sure people get disciplined when they don't follow the rules.
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- Not really. Policing people who are quietly having a drink in a park is a waste of resources. Make it legal and free up cops to do something helpful. If someone is causing a problem, police will be summoned like they are other times at other places.
- The major concern is: INCREASE IN behaviour, abuse, sexual abuse problems in community
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- I support the idea
- Rowdy behavior
- No
- No, so long as regulations are in place I think it would be fine.
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- Yes. Many. Drunkenness in the park. Destructive behaviors that always arise with drinking. Who is going to police the bad behavior?
- This should not be allowed
- This question has been answered!
- Please don't do this. It is unnecessary, and doesn't address any genuine issue. Parks are perfectly fine as they are. Just because some people want it doesn't mean it should be done.
- As long as people are respectful, I see no issues.
- None, it's a good thing, many nay-sayers will say it'll lead to intoxicated individuals, this already happens. I'd love to have a glass of wine as a drink while at the park
- This initiative is only going backwards, maybe will allow tobacco or marijuana in the near future
- Would prefer to see restrictions on smoking in public. If this happened I would get behind alcohol in parks but breathing in smoke is a huge problem.
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- There is no place for alcohol at picnic areas, or parks owned by the city.
- I have major concerns regarding this. Our city parks are designed for families. Children are exposed to enough these days. Please keep parks clear of drinking so children can remain safe and free to play without worry of drunk people.
- I wish this initiative is not getting approved. I'd like to know what is the history behind and what is the intent.
- The comments are all selected in point 2.
- It only takes a few irresponsible instances and I think it best to avoid that problem. I leave adjacent to Confederation park. I like the family oriented setting that currently exists
- How would this be regulated? Police already have enough work to do and the city does not need to add another thing to worry about cost to enforce. It also would certainly allow minors to consume alcohol more easily.
- I am against drinking and driving. Our police have enough to do without monitoring the drinkers.
- People who drink will come into the parks to drink rather than be on the street, and that is better. If someone gets drunk and falls in a park, they won't get as hurt as if they were on the street or in a bar.
- Not particularly. I think people would be pretty reasonable with their use
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- No.
- No
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- Just if there is enough staffing / etc. for people to appropriately report those who are abusing it. Just because it is not fun to deal with drunkards causing problems.
- outdoors is for enjoying nature...would not like to see rowdiness in natural settings

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- If the regulation states that liquor consumption is only allowed with the consumption of food how will this be monitored?
- Ensuring enough waste/recycling receptacles are in place
- There needs to be a reasonable distance from the picnic site specified in the by laws. Example, if someone is playing a game near their site with a beer they won't be fined.
- Nothing good can come of this idea. If people can't go alcohol free for a couple of hours that's a sad statement.
- Yes, public safety and nuisance are major concerns.
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- Make it legal without extra charges or fees
- I think drinking in public should be legal
- I'm struggling to understand why it's even a topic of conversation.
- I'm against it.
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- Not at all, very progressive and in line with European social standards
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- It's dangerous for public safety bcz consumer will not in his senses. It's not safe for kids to play in those areas. Please let the Calgary danger free.
- Liquor should be allowed not just in picnic sites, but in all parks and public spaces.
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- No.
- No I do not have any concerns. I have been around the world where there is no issue consuming alcohol publicly in parks and it is just as civilized as would be when I visit a park here in Calgary without alcohol.
- Not at all. People who abuse alcohol will do that regardless of if it is allowed or not. It only opens the door to those of us that follow the rules to use parks more often for socializing in this way!
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- I don't see the benefits
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- No
- My only concern is that this is an issue...public liquor consumption in parks should of course be allowed. I'd love to finally be able to enjoy a beautiful glass of wine on a nice sunny day :)
- There is already so much social pressure to consume alcohol I do not think that we need yet more places where it is done in public.

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- I do not feel this is a necessary next step for our city. We have lots of places where alcohol can be consumed and I don't feel we need to add more.
- It's something that is widely allowed throughout the world and increases people's time outside instead of forcing them inside when they want to enjoy a drink.
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- Only allow adults at designated picnic sites
- See above notes
- None. Europe seems to be doing fine with their open consumption allowances.
- young people using it to pre party before the bars. so maybe having a time limit on it would help. don't want others to ruin a nice thing :)
- You may get more people using the sites.
- It's not a pressing need. Too easy to abuse.
- No concerns
- Not at Designated picnic sites either..
- Not necessary
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- It's long past the time Alberta & Calgary stop assuming residents need or want a nanny state, and start to trust that responsible adults are responsible. It's not up to the province or city to dictate morality or ability.
- Yes! Even now that it is banned, there are casualties related to drunk drivers, when you lift the ban, you will not be able to control it
- It's a great idea.
- I've been to Australia a few times and they allow alcohol in public parks. It was so nice to have a glass of wine while having a picnic at the beach or watching a play in the park.
- Surely there is something more constructive you could be doing with your time and with taxpayers' money. There are many people drinking in parks already or do you not know about that. High school students as well as others have been doing this for decades.
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- SLIPPERY SLOPE. Want to avoid The City spending millions to defend why Cannabis and Vaping should not be in Public spaces. Total ban on intoxicants to keep public spaces family and pet friendly. We want to experience nature not rowdies.
- It works for Europe, Calgary would be lucky to have a quarter of the community that a city like London has. Let people have a beer in the park.
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- Over consumption. garbage, bad behavior.

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- Let's assume that adults will act like adults.
- People getting out of hand during later hours. Limit to 11pm or daylight hours.
- No.
- My biggest concern is actually littering. I would not be opposed to a separate fine for those who litter in parks or public spaces.
- I appreciate the city asking for input. We must remember only a few ruin it for others. Think about how YYC is when you've allowed early drinking for Olympics or Stampede.
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- How about going nude in parks as well? some love that
- I'm concerned about people taking it too far and people being disrespectful and littering everywhere
- Liquor consumption should be done at licensed bars and restaurants and personal homes that have physical boundaries not an open park.
- Disorderly behavior
- No, I appreciate the city examining this.
- Please make this happen
- It should not be allowed at all. There are plenty of places to drink in the city. Kids aren't allow in bars, so are you going to ban kids from parks? Does this curtail the freedom of children, will they have to be accompanied by adults to avoid drinkers?
- Do we want to make it a SIN CITY . Full of losers ?
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- Liquor consumption in public areas should be allowed far more freely, our liquor laws are draconian and out of date. You can still charge people for public intoxication while allowing people to have a beer or two in public.
- Safety is a big concern. Drinking and driving. I see a pilot project comment below. Just like bike lanes, the decision has been made already.
- No comments
- Should be allowed to have a drink in a social setting in nature.
- Yes. There will be more impaired people (esp young adults) wondering around, making mess and disturbing other people. Bad example for kids too.
- Obviously people could take advantage, or more underage kids drinking publicly. But I don't think there would be any more issues than already are.
- It would be really fine to consume liquor if all people could control their consumption and behaviour.
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- Calgary needs to relax it's overly strict alcohol rules. I would rather have alcohol allowed in parks than cigarettes
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- No concerns.
- A small percentage of louts, always spoils it for everybody. Do not change the rules
- Today liquor, tomorrow marijuana
- If they allow this, the city will only see an increase in drinking & driving. With the new laws that are in effect where you can't even drive home and have a drink and possibly get arrested for doing so in your own home, then how is this going to help.
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- Keep it to a percentage of available picnic sites. 40-50% would seem appropriate.
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- This is not a welcome initiative. There are plenty of private spaces and establishments for liquor consumption. There is no need for public spaces to fill this role.
- I would suggest that recycling bins be made available at any site where liquor is legal, so as to prevent waste and littering
- Please implement as fast as possible.
- This seems like an unnecessary addition to our already busy parks and seems to be another load on policing. We do not as a society need to encourage use of intoxicants in public where all citizens are enjoying time with family and friends.
- No major concerns.
- Yes! Where to begin? Have you forgotten abusive behaviour of drunken men or death caused by drunk drivers? What is wrong with you guys?
- I think this should be encouraged!! We're a young city that doesn't act like it - liquor in designated site in parks is a great first start to making it younger!
- There is absolutely no demonstrated need for this. Surely Council has something more important to occupy them.
- We need to make like an international city. Lots of countries allow liquor in parks and it is time that Calgary does the same.
- Possibly impose a hefty fine for disorderly conduct, and give the idea a trial run.
- Nothing I haven't already stated.
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- There have been rules and laws in place for a reason. Had drinking in family oriented environments been a good idea, it would have happened a long time ago.
- Generally - if people are going to misuse alcohol they probably already are . . .
- Drink in sense out.
- There should be bathroom facilities at any park that allows liquor.
- No

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- You're wasting resources even discussing this. Who is going to enforce the adherence and at what cost.
- It's an invitation for trouble
- Yes, I have concerns that certain large groups may pose some problems through aggressive behaviour and/or destructive actions and/or littering by leaving behind garbage and empty bottles/cans.
- See #5
- Obviously it would have to be carefully monitored to avoid abuse, but overall I think it's a step in the right direction.
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- Some people are not respectful of the environment. Perhaps a trial run contingent on this would be a good idea
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- No.
- This idea is even crazier than the cannabis parks. There is enough places for people to drink. Our parks don't need it.
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- I am absolutely against drinking in the parks.
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- YES! people do not know their limits. I am concern with potential abuse of the rule, the impossibility to enforce the rule, the potential increase of drunk driving...
- Opening up park spaces to alcohol could decrease drunk driving since these public spaces are much easier to get to on foot than many bars in Calgary. It would be great for community building and getting people to spend time outside
- no
- Its happening anyways... isn't stopping anyone.
- None other than ongoing need to keep parks clean and monitor for disorderly/disruptive behaviour. Nothing changes in this regard at all.
- Yes - people getting drunk and becoming disorderly. Drinking at all hours - keeping neighbours up.
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- I'd need to know how the City proposes to monitor this bylaw and associated costs
- Providing adequate recycling bins along with garbage.
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- No. As long as occasional monitoring is done by police, which they already do currently. Then there would be no issues as they would remove any individuals behaving out of line, if that were to occur.

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- I think this is a great idea!
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- Please don't let it happen.
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- This will just encourage new party area & will include under age people. Police will have new monitoring problems.
- Increased drunkenness and disorderly behavior.
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- It is not and will not, be a problem for the vast majority of citizens - who are the ones that should be listened to (for a change) rather than the 'vocal minority'.
- No. Littering, drunk and disorderly (by)laws in are already in place.
- Liquor consumption in public place will be hard to control. It will create uneasiness for other people who don't drink and want to enjoy the peaceful of the park.
- As long as people are respectful of others and don't get out of hand I think it should be legal to have a limited amount of alcohol at any park, not just those with picnic sites
- In many countries around the world have more relaxed laws around the consumption of alcohol. This includes consumption in public spaces such as parks.
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- Plenty of places to dispose of bottles is needed
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- No
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- Peoples religion shouldn't be a consideration.
- I like this idea but it would need to have supervision, especially at the start. There would need to fines for anyone providing alcohol to minors and there should NOT be marijuana allowed because of the potential for second hand smoke and children.
- No concerns
- The large majority of the people attending the park drove a vehicle to get there and then has to drive to get back home. There are enough dangerous drivers on our roads without adding to the problem of drinking and driving. Do your drinking at home.
- Who will enforce the rules? I feel like there are enough public places for people to drink already. I don't think we need to turn parks into a place where I have to be concerned as a mother about my children being exposed to drunk people.
- Having to deal with people that have people under the influence.
- A few more garbage and recycling bins and we should be good

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- People are typically responsible. Let them show you they can be.
- Please allow it. I would imagine it's already happening.
- I think this is a cool idea.
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- For children who come from alcoholic homes it's one place they don't have to be around it and enjoy the freedom from it also for recovering addicts it's a nice clean fun way to spend time with friends and family
- Do not approve
- As it is a known fact that we here in Calgary face the long winter's, designating parks for liquor use would limit the choice of mobility and jeopardizes the safety of citizens.
- Ensuring there are available recycling bins to help keep park picnic areas clean
- Drinking in a park? Encouraging drunk driving...not the best idea!!!!
- I have no concerns but who's suggest installing (more) recycling bins and ensure washrooms are easily accessible.
- I do not understand the need for drinking in the park, there are already plenty of areas to do so without including a family friendly area....
- No
- My only comment is that is should be allowed.
- shouldn't be a problem, enforce rules and have a police or bylaw presence
- Disorderly conduct would be the main concern.
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- More police will be needed to patrol
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- PTSD. There are pubs and backyards and I can avoid those. This would remove my ability to enjoy the park.
- Liquor should not be allowed in parks that are near playgrounds.
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- I see no need for this city to be going down this path. You're opening the door for many issues that will end up costing taxpayers
- May increase park policing and maintenance costs.
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- I would avoid picnic and parks that allow alcohol.
- Again, thinking the original bylaws are in place due to moralistic imposition, from decades ago. This would be a great move forward, to bring Calgary upto speed with global cities.
- Noisy

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- No.
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- Please make this a reality so us millennials can stop drinking in parks illegally
- I do not believe it should be allowed and there are many risks.
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- Given the number of inebriated partiers already floating the Bow, no need to facilitate
- If picnic site is damage or in poor condition after use, there should be a much higher fine in these sites.
- Proper education should be explored to ensure public consumption is done in a socially responsible manner
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- Have porta potties close by to reduce public urination
- littering, bad behaviour by drunk people
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- I would like to see a change in the liquor laws around festivals. Instead of having a fenced off liquor area, it'd be nice to be able to walk around the festival with a beer. ie; lilac festival, folk fest
- Great idea which should have been implemented sooner
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- Can we not have a picnic without liquor? Who is addicted here?
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- I believe the city should be considering cannabis use in public parks again if we are considering allowing alcohol. What is the issue with designating certain areas for either??
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- No
- Not to be allowed and enforced in playground areas
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- Reinforce responsibility
- No and its about time.
- Be careful to make the law clear enough to not allow homeless drunks to pollute our parks with their highly offensive body odor and behaviors. Perhaps require people show ID proving a permanent address in the City.

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- look at other spots, not just picnic. Use many of the European countries that have tried and tested and are doing it.
- Not required
- People will be using these facilities more.
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- Now on National parks you can not drink alcohol in your site. no inside your trailer (which is my property) and no even have a alcohol inside my trailer. for me it's way to much. Safety first but when you have so many restrictions result are opposite
- I would like to see more recyclable bottle disposal bins at picnic sites and other parks. The consumption of cannabis should also be permitted, at a certain distance from playgrounds or other areas where children frequent.
- No concern
- garbage, bad behaviour. etc
- Must be monitored
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- Only concern would be idiots not recycling or breaking glass bottles.
- Not everyone has the good sense to drink within their limits (especially if driving). May require additional enforcement resources - do we have that capacity in Calgary?
- No
- Yes. It's not needed.
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- Liquor should only be in homes and bars/restaurants. Possibility of open liquor in cars. People not monitored on their consumption.
- Street people and publicly intoxicated people. There would be a level of policing to be had due to this. That is an increased cost to The City, but maybe the police survey these areas now anyways.
- This is a good idea and one that is in place in many parts of Europe. There are no major issues I can see and major benefits to citizens.
- If alcohol consumption can cause disorderly behavior and chances of drinking and driving so in opinion it should be ban in all major big parks
- Obviously no one wants to be around drunks or crack heads, but lets face it crackheads and drunks will be intoxicated in public no matter what.

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- Keep the alcohol in bars and homes. That's enough. Ridiculous even having this conversation.
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- Many countries allow this with no ill effects
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- It is not the place for adults to be drinking
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- Time for the current mayor to step down as he and council are inept.
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- Is this a gateway to allowing pot consumption in parks, what's the difference? Both are legal. Biggest concern would be increased maintenance in the parks and families feeling less comfortable sharing the space with those consuming alcohol.
- People who are gonna create trouble already do, I think this helps the honest people
- No
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- Let's relax a little here folks. Marijuana edibles are coming anyway, are you going to send drug sniffing dogs after every plate of brownies?
- Not at this time
- no
- Parks are for the pleasure for families and people can consume liquor in their houses and Clubs
- Just make sure rules are clear and enforceable.
- Go to Europe In the summer. It is possible to have citizens drinking outdoors without anarchy.
- No but I feel that I drink responsibly and have travelled to other countries where it's legal. You would hardly even notice people were drinking. In fact I questioned whether or not I was allowed because it wasn't obvious that other people were doing it.
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- I have questions regarding definition of food. If I am out for a bike ride and stop at a parks picnic table, i'm going to have packed a sandwich and apple or whatnot to consume with my liquor. I don't feel a full course, cooked meal should be required.
- It is unnecessary.
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- Obviously the potential of people becoming intoxicated and possibly driving is a concern. An easy solution would be a police cruiser to make rounds around the park when they are patrolling neighbourhoods.
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- No
- Safety reasons, increase disorderly behaviour, Damage to the park etc
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- How will it effect the drunk driving law and consuming alcohol in public , safety of children when in public places and transportation with children in the vehicle
- Think this would be a great thing to do but we need to find a way to cover the additional clean up that unfortunately will probably accompany allowing alcohol, also need to find a way to limit over consumption
- it should not be allowed at all.
- Not really. Mature adults just out for a picnic poses no risks and kids who already drink there pose no more risk than now if it is permitted.
- Not concerned about the principle, just the reality of drinking & operating any type of vehicle including bicycles.
- No. Let adults regulate themselves
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- I do not believe that persons intending to drink alcohol irresponsibly are intending to do so in Calgary City Parks. Conversely, you will likely see business professionals and families getting out after work and enjoying our beautiful public infrastrucur
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- I'm concerned it will cost more for police to monitor this activity. Why does alcohol need to be ever present?
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- Nope, I'd probably say have some recycling containers around to add more money to maintain the park
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- Anyone who causes problems drinking in public places is not deterred by existing bylaws. The current bylaws only impose unnecessary conditions on those who would consume responsibly, and is an unfair restriction on personal liberties.
- The only times we have been exposed to excruciatingly loud and disrespectful behaviour from neighbours or neighbouring campers have involved excess consumption of alcohol. Let's not bring this potential annoyance into city parks, please.
- Drinking should be not allowed in the parks due to the fact people do not know how to control it

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- I don't think it would change much or be a nuisance because people do it now anyways, so now if they are allowed to do it they'd be more open and responsible. And it would be easier to keep track of people drinking and driving if they aren't hiding it
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- Immature people who get disorderly when they drink irresponsible
- Let's let people drink in public parks. Then Calgarians can behave like bigger assholes than they already are.
- Naturally this would require more enforcement to ensure compliance with bylaw and address public safety, should someone abuse the opportunity.
- You should be able to have a drink anywhere in any park
- It's about time. It is 2019 after all. Other countries have been doing this for years with very few problems.
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- should not be allowed
- Highly concerned with public safety.
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- The outdoors should be a healthy zone . Many struggle to stop drinking. (ie: lots @ AA etc). Now, 1 less place they can be at ease?! while there are sooo many places to drink. Learn and respect stats on peeps who don't drink?
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- No
- No liqueor period
- Strongly against it - difficult to police and monitor. Not necessary to drink at park.
- There different places reserved for using liquor then why using parks for that.
- Some enforcement/security may be required at first.
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- No
- It is a stupid idea. City hall should concern themselves with becoming an efficient and functional working officials. Right now you are a bunch of political cry babies.
- Adults can make adult decisions. A few bad eggs should not impact us all. Many cities and counties around the world have legal public consumption.
- Drinking or drugs in public places should be discouraged.
- yes same as above!
- Don't need to have more places to drink
- I'm really against this. I drink in my home and local pubs etc, but I do not agree with consumption of alcohol in open public spaces. Who is going to monitor this?

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- liquor is already consumed in the parks. as it is illegal its use is kept low key. allowing via bylaw will allow consumption to greatly increase leading to many issues.
- Only concerns which would be young adults overdoing it (maybe older ones also).
- I'd be concerned about litter and damage to the parks. I'd also be concerned about an increase in drink and disorderly conduct and public intoxication. Safety issues surrounding public intoxication would be another concern
- Flies in the face of existing laws
- None
- How on earth does the city plan to police this if it ever got off the ground. Unfortunately, it will be difficult to manage causing more issues.
- No
- there could be conflicts with people that refrain from consumption by those that do not
- Give someone an inch and they'll take a mile.
- No
- I would rather not be picnicing in areas where people are drinking.
- Europe has allowed this for millennia.
- I think it's a really bad idea with potential issues. Who is going to ensure drinkers are consuming "picnic" foods while drinking?
- No concerns. I don't believe having hardworking people enjoy a glass of wine or cold beer with their family or friends in a park will cause any issues. The issues come from street people or homeless people who are drunk or high in park areas anyway.
- If it is implemented it will be important to have extra recycling bins in the areas to avoid littering. It should also be considered how most people get to the park/site. If it's only by driving perhaps it's more dangerous
- Drinking and driving. Drinking before floating down river. Could get out of hand.
- People required to remove what they bring with them, don't leave your empties behind.
- There could be an increase in drinking and driving however, responsible adults will be responsible and those that are not would likely be drinking anyway but not visible to others
- My husband having owned and managed a bar in the 70s, we saw people lose their sense and not drinking responsibly
- It's about time we looked at this issue
- It's ridiculous... who even started this? Who's missing the alcohol with their hotdogs? A waste of time!
- I think this is a great idea!
- It should be all picnic tables or none. If you make it selective it may cause confusion whether it is allowed or not; also more difficult to monitor
- Do it! Let's be the progressive city we know we are!

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- my concerns are mentioned in the above questions. Parks are for families, and there is no need to encourage drinking in this family space. You can have fun without having to have alcohol.
- Very stupid idea, a potential increase of danger to the public
- Why s it always Gian-Carlo Carra coming up with these ridiculous ideas? Anything to get in front of a camera.
- Do we not have more important issues to deal with? Are there no other initiatives the city can come up with to improve parks? There is already a drinking culture in this city and we should not be encouraging it. If people want to drink then do it at home.
- No concerns until empirical results can be seen.
- Yes, it's putting the public at risk even more and much mire litter from irresponsible people.
- I AM AGAINST IT. THIS IS MATTER OF SAFETY.
- If you treat people like adults they will generally act accordingly
- no
- People don't seem to clean up after themselves already in public places. I think discarded liquor bottles would add to the problem.
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- Drunk people can get belligerent, rude, violent, and otherwise disruptive. I would rather see marijuana allowed, as people who are stoned are generally much easier to deal with.
- I don't feel it is necessary
- I think it would be fine. I don't think you would find people becoming drunk and unruly.
- It only takes a few jerks to ruin things for everyone.
- No
- If you want to drink at a picnic then do it in your own backyards.
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- No
- If there were an extra cost associated with sites where liquor consumption is allowed, that extra fee should only be used towards the monitoring of parks by law enforcement. Otherwise it's an unfair extra cost that is prohibitive to many members of public
- We would require improved garbage and recycling to ensure there is adequate options to deal with any extra recycling.
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- It is a huge municipal liability and has the potential for destruction of habitat and generally ruining what should be a peaceful experience for Calgarians.
- I do not see any reason for it. Would not have been an issue if not for Gian-Carlo. Had not heard anyone wanting it.
- I think there will be higher risk of people drinking and driving.
- Yes.

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- One of my major concerns is the safety and well being of children. It is completely inappropriate for alcohol to be consumed in a public park where young families are spending time.
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- There will be a few people that will take advantage of this, but I don't think we should deny the majority for the crimes of a few. And, people who want to have liquor already do, they just hide it.
- None
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- Stupid idea. What about underage drinking?
- Max two drinks period
- less restrictions for the many who are responsible
- I do agree that a peace officer should be available or at site to monitor the activities as a few bad apples will grow on the same tree as the great apples
- No brazen concerns. I only see benefits at this point.
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- There's a massive public safety concern that you would have drinking and boating and drinking and driving.
- I disagree that you need to have a picnic table to consume, maybe some people prefer to "picnic" blanket on the grass and lunch from a cooler or picnic basket.
- I do not think it is necessary. look at all the fights that break out around bars because people have less control of their emotions when they have been drinking
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- When acting responsibly should be free to have an alcoholic beverage with out fear of police harassment
- It isn't necessary. If you need to drink on a picnic, stay home and have it in your back yard.
- Very much concerned that the police do not have time to regulate this change. Would more officers be added? The parks should be a safe place for everyone.
- My biggest concern is the people who will not behave responsibly & how the city plans to address that. I'm also curious how the city will contain consumption to sites & not have people drinking in the playgrounds (for example).
- No
- Its not neccesary and opens the door for a whole host of problems and abuse.
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- Absolutely not needed. We live on the elbow river where we already deal with unruly behavior on the river.
- My biggest concern would be people who treated the areas like a free place to party.
- Not necessary or acceptable
- No. Those who abuse the situation will be dealt with by calgary law enforcement, whom I have great confidence in.
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- I think it's a great idea. Those who would be disruptive are not waiting for it to be legal to do so. If laws are enforced with those causing problems, then those who are not could enjoy the benefits.
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- Please do not allow as this lead to more disturbing environment.
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- No concerns, it appears equally safe in a park as it does in a family backyard.
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- I think it's a great idea, provided people make smart decisions. It happens all the time already , this would just make everyone's lives easier.
- should not be allowed
- Your stupid if you think this is a good idea
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- In a perfect world it would be great to be able to have a beer with a burger at a park. It's not a perfect world however! Has to be with a meal? and seated? Come on - how are you going to enforce this? Go to a bar if you need a drink.
- Yes all applicable concerns addressed above
- I love the idea. Don't limit it to a picnic table. If they are booked then you are out of luck. As long as you are in the general vicinity of the picnic area, garbage or benches then it should be ok. Don't be too strict- CALGARY has become SO conservative
- European beer garden type of venue would be an equally good option
- My comments and concerns are reflected from all the checked answers in Question 2
- additional demands on policing and overuse if only designated parks
- The majority of people do not drink responsibly, as I've witnessed at countless Stampeder's games, Flames games, concerts, etc. I don't think it's smart to provide yet another venue for people to drink excessively.
- I don't believe we need more sites for consuming liquor as we already allow individuals to drink at home, restaurants, bars, etc. I don't think we need to clutter our parks with more garbage, liquor bottles, etc.

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- I would say do parks that are easily patrolled by officers for drinking and driving and other disorderly behaviors. Use this to teach future generations that its acceptable to have alcohol just responsible.
- What is next? Cannibus? I don't feel there is a need & not sure there is a real demand. Why do we need to have alcohol at public parks? Parks are where kids can go to have fun & be safe. City should concentrate on kid friendly activities & areas.
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- People can drink at their own residences, restaurants and bars. Why do they need to drink at parks? If you want us to be more like Europe maybe work on making downtown a vibrant area instead.
- Glass bottles should be disallowed in city parks, especially if booze is involved
- Allow liquor in parks. Time for a change.
- As long as people are responsible about it there shouldn't be problems. People should know the consequences of behaving inappropriately
- There are always people that break the rules. I feel this would open a new can of worms and we could potentially see people that would drink more than allowed just because, just like now some drink in secret knowing it is not allowed.
- Consumption around waterways and children's play parks is a little concerning but otherwise a simple pleasure on a hot day to celebrate doesn't seem wrong to me
- Yes - see response to survey question 2.
- Increase number of recycling and garbage facilities
- Reasonable consumption cannot be guaranteed. Unreasonable consumption could put other park users in unpleasant or dangerous situations. Impossible to enforce.
- It's a bad idea.
- N/A
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- Homeless people, unfortunately, frequent parks and consume liquor and this will only encourage it.
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- drunk person's behavior might cause issues specially when kids are around
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- It put public safety on risks
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- I would be disappointed to see this available in our parks, if you want a beer garden, build a beer garden; downtown seems ideal and keep it OUT of the picnic sites
- No problem
- None.
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- I see people doing it all the time. I do as well and there's never been a problem. Most people that do it are just normal families enjoying the weather. The ones that drink to excess always will no matter where they are.
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- No, maybe being aware of glass but otherwise people who would willing admit to drinking onsite are responsible
- No
- One more thing to Police we don't need it.
- Life is better when you don't have to hide things.
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- Too much potential for disorderly behavior.
- As mentioned, having an effective way of dealing with those who may over-consume or become disorderly.
- None.. anything in moderation is fine
- Over consumption, puke, litter, damage to the sites, impaired driving. I don't believe we can compare ourselves to Europe as our entire culture around liquor consumption is not the same.
- Allow for bottle recycling containers at the park
- See above
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- This is not Europe where people drink responsibly. This is Canada where idiots drink to get drunk and they should not be allowed to do it in our parks
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- No, because I know that if people are disorderly then the peace officers would still be able to correct them.
- Need to ensure that any excessive consumption gets punished. Bylaw officers give tickets for drunkenness, garbage, etc.
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- Drinking is harmful. It does not need more promotion
- It should not be allowed
- Should NOT be allowed.
- I think it's reasonable how Montreal only allows beer and wine, and you must also have food. Also - it would be pretty hypocritical to allow alcohol when cannabis is still not allowed in public spaces. Legalize public consumption of alcohol and cannabis
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- I am not sure why and how this is an issue we need to address. We have done fine all these years with out the NEED for public drinking in our parks. Can our city workers work on more pressing issues rather than this stupid topic?
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- Yes, I have concerns. Refer to my answer to #2 (other). It takes the police hours to respond to a noise complaint. How will response time change when drunken, disorderly behavior occurs in a park. Who will pick up the broken glass?
- no
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- I am concern that will make a lot of bad thing to the environment, and people around.
- Liquor consumption is commonplace in most other places in the world. The liquor laws here are far too stringent. People should be able to enjoy a drink with a meal.
- I believe it will increase incidents of bad behavior and may dissuade certain families to to those parks.
- Not especially. Other than it would seem prudent to increase bylaw officer presences in parks should the council vote for this approval.
- I want to send time with my family without having to deal with the effects of alcohol. Some may handle it fine, but overall it is a safety risk. What about kids on field trips, school trips and day camps? Increased risk. Will the city staff taking care of
- None.
- Like everywhere else people will have to behave. If they don't then they need to be dealt with by law enforcement
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- Let's be civilized about this
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- I think it's about time people are allowed to enjoy responsible a drink outside in public sites/parks. People do it anyway so allowing people to do so and monitoring it is better.
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- There should be no open liquor at the play park areas for children. Slide, swings etc.
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- I think there will be a lot of extra problems that the city would have to deal with. We have more important issues to focus on in our city.

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- My concerns are about irresponsible people taking liberties and ruining a peaceful park environment for everyone else.
- It's about time
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- If I want to be around impaired people I could go to a bar OR my neighbors house. I go to parks to get away from that kind of behaviour associated with drinking, I go to parks for QUIET! Please keep the "party" goers to private homes.
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- I dont agree with it because of the children
- The person who brought it up should be allowed to drink and work. Let him prove he can handle his liquor.
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- Children should not be exposed to drinking liquor in parks.
- No.
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- Please dont
- All of the concerns listed in question # 2
- No
- None. We consume alcohol is close proximities to parks as it is whether at a house or restaurant. Alcohol consumption is in our culture as a developed nation.. like all around the world
- My only concern would be underaged drinkers
- No
- As mentioned earlier, liquor consumption will only bring afverse, bad repercussions, nothing beneficial.
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- I would want it to be okay to drink in all parks, not just ones that you have to book.
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- No. I feel like if people want to do it, they already are and are just hiding it. I think it is a nice idea and I would encourage us to be more forward thinking as a city and try it out!
- Respectful behaviour is expected of all park users, regardless of the activity they are engaging in at that park. Alcohol is a welcome add on, like wine with your picnic at Shakespeare in the park, not drunken brawls!

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- Please don't do this. I don't think we are ready for this, if ever. Keep responsibility for safe consumption with private households and profiting venues who should and can more easily enforce drinking limits
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- As above, no consumption of alcoholic beverages should be allowed in city parks
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- I think I already covered it in my previous answers.
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- Just let people drink or consume cannabis where they like.
- It is done in many other countries that I have lived in, and it only added to enjoyment of socializing and being outside with friends
- Please let Calgary's beautiful parks be peaceful, safe and enjoyable for kids and families. Don't allow liquor consumption there.
- There are many places in Calgary to consume liquor. There is no need to add more. There is no need to further normalize the consumption of alcohol.
- Concerns, mostly. I think it's a bad idea. I am not against drinking, but I do believe people overdo it even when they don't mean to. People drive to parks far more often than walking or transit.
- Stop being the nanny state restricting what adults can do or not
- I have lots of concerns. There are many places where drinking is suitable but not in parks. I can foretell of noise, damage to the surroundings including broken glass. Are Parks going to be present to control the results of alcohol?
- I think it's a great idea and would very much consider booking a site for a friends or family event when I otherwise wouldn't
- Homeless people loitering and making other users feel unwelcome in the space
- No
- To be honest, people are likely already consuming alcohol in picnic sites, this would likely encourage responsible consumption rather than hiding it
- I hope this does not get approved.
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- All negative
- I don't think it's appropriate. No one wants to be in a park full of drunk people who can't control themselves because they are under the influence of alcohol. Public intoxication and consuming liquor in public has been illegal for a reason.
- More security may be necessary at the beginning, but people decide to go to parks to have fun, not trouble.

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- I am astounded that we are re-thinking a subject which our wise forebears had already figured out. There will always be louts who will get drunk and wreck the park for everyone else. I will campaign very hard against this silly idea by some councillor.
- Reasonable consumption should be allowed.
- Additional waste/recycling/returnables to be the City's or the individual's responsibility? Rules and enforcement to ensure users behave appropriately and that they leave a clean area once they're done.
- People do get louder and less inhibited after having alcohol. I don't want my teenage son and daughter to see that alcohol is required to enhance a family outing at the park.
- Just what we dont need . Public consumption
- The main thing that needs to be understood here is just like the recent legalization of weed, people are going to do it anyway this way you can at least regulate and control it to certain areas and receive benefit from it. We learn from what doesn't work.
- no
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- Yes, drinkers lose their control can cause disturbance and safety concerns to my kids and family
- No
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- Not at this time
- yes, normal people will be fine , extremists will get drunk and fined...not going to a park to get wasted!
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- This proposal is another waste of time by city council The next municipal election can't come soon enough
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- All of the above
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- Drinking in public places should not be allowed. Soon we will be bending the law to allow other intoxicants.
- This is absolutely the most asinine suggestion I have heard from a city councillor.
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- There needs to be a way of making sure the parks stay clean and undamaged
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- Stop taxing people. Take a 5% pay cut in city hall! Lower property taxes and stop another tax grab.
- Yes, families will not be able to go, crime will increase, cops will make money issuing tickets

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- I think it's a ridiculous idea. There are enough problems with people consuming too much alcohol and the policemen already overworked trying to keep the public safe let alone having to police all public parks.
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- I am extremely oppose to drinking fb especially in public. There are numerous activities we van do to enjoy our time spent outside with family and friends that doesn't involve drinking.
- It's a public space and is visited by public of all ages.. it's highly inappropriate of someone to be drunk and start peeing all over the place for example
- No. I expect people to enjoy the opportunity responsibly - it have it taken away.
- I think there should be more picnic sites in small neighbourhood parks so that families can walk to them inside of having to drive. I would love to be able to walk five minutes to my neighbourhood park and eat a mean with my family.
- Who polices this?? Liability ?? Drinking/rafting?? Slippery slope..
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- It may require periodic increased security/policing, I would imagine that this could be done on a complaint basis, not sure.
- No
- I believe a majority of people will be respectful but there will be a few who will abuse it
- I am concerned about poor behaviour and the increase in garbage.
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- See above
- Liquor approval is a gateway to canabis approval in the parks. We don't need that smell in the parks as I'm biking through
- Would there be some form of "policing"?
- My only concern is that some people may use it as an excuse to get drunk.
- No
- I lived in Australia for 5 years and they have legalized public drinking in designated areas and I didn't ever see any problematic behaviour. I think people who are problem drinkers will drink in public anyways.
- No
- ANOTHER AIRY FAIRY IDEA FROM CITY COUNCIL. GET BACK TO FOCUSING ON MAINTAINING CORE SERVICES AND REDUCING WASTEFULNESS AND TAXES.
- This would be an improvement to resident quality of life, unless it comes with annoying regulations and a new city website that take all the enjoyment out of it.
- Please it's time to stop being so draconian.
- A big mistake you will find a lot of partying happening in these parks which I would never allow my kids to go near is this how you want our kids to be more active ... actively drinking????

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- Nope, most people know how to behave themselves. If people really want to be hammered a bylaw won't stop them anyway.
- Public parks it should not be allowed. families specially with kids go for picnics. Ot wouldn't be appropriate.
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- no
- People are already doing it all the time, we might as well make it legal
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- Mentioned above
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- There are places for people to drink, we don't need to take away public area for this use
- It should be allowed
- Liquor should not be allowed in the parks.
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- No. Like legalizing marijuana, literally nothing will change except the police will have to use other tools to target people they don't like the look of
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- Yes...I don't want it!!
- Yes, exposure to drunken unruly behavior. Drinking and driving
- Drunk hobo
- Drinking should follow the same concept as drinking while camping. Clean up madatory and large fines to damages or bottles left
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- I think that all the parks should have some liquor campsites, but they should defiantly be separated from the other camp sites and have a later quiet time. Maybe use a swipe card to secure it to keep people from going over to the other part of the park.
- Under age drinking but this could happen anywhere.
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- This may actually be good to separate the groups of people who want to drink and those who don't.
- No
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- Who and how will this be policed. Will it be an after the fact accident reported by police
- Yes
- Not overly. Ypu will run into disorderly ppl no matter where u are whether it allows alcohol or not.
- As a frequent user of parks, I find this suggestion abhorrent. Policing park policy is already pathetic at best, adding alcohol to the situation would be negligent.

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- Why. you have backyards and balconies and community association centers. why spoil the city parks. we know there is a problem with rafting on the river and drinking and then people are going to drive. why make it easier for them and harder to police
- Parks is a family oriented place. I do not think children need alcohol to have fun. I believe they will be safer not to be exposed to alcohol or to drunk persons.
- Just make sure it can be cleaned up properly
- No
- Yes our kids are growing up in a very beautiful manner we dont want them to inhibit any bad habits
- I totally 100% disagree with drinking in parks. Those are family areas.
- Not agree
- Yes, these substances should be away from kids and other people who don't drink.
- Drinking and driving
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-
- Just no no completely no
- Liquor, Marijuana, drugs, cigarettes and other narcotics should be banned in all parks so our environment stays pure and clean.
- People need to be responsible, whether it is allowed or not
- NO POT, THEN NO ALCOHOL. IF THE CITY WILL NOT ALLOW SMOKING POT IN PUBLIC PARKS, WHY WOULD THEY ALLOW PEOPLE TO CONSUME ALCOHOL AND THEN DRIVE INTOXICATED
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- No
- Decreased inhibitions, greater safety threat to public. A really bad idea. Disappointing!
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- Should've been done a long time ago, and should be the first step to public consumption as a whole. It works fine in other parts of the world.
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- I think it's a good idea. The people who will abuse it and get all disorderly already do. Allowing normal people to drink in public parks will have no impact on that.
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- Yes, if we can give little back to community
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- Yes. Better to be banned. No liquor on parks
- No.

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- Is there a plan to open kiosks to provide alcohol in "designated areas"? Is a seating area to be provided? How are these "areas" to be policed? Surely the thought is not that consumers will behave voluntarily! Alcohol is consumed now in parks & it's illegal.
- People tend to cheat the permits and bring stuff which are not allowed which could lead to incidents unpleasant or disorderly and inappropriate around family
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- No
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- I think this is similar to campsites and similar rules and expectations should apply. Many people enjoy liquor reasonably and currently it is in fact a reason I don't utilize the parks as much for special events I wish to host.
- There will be no difference between legal and illegal. People are drinking already
- Spots like above crescent heights overlooking the city wouldn't be a picnic spot but it would be amazing to watch a sunset and being able to enjoy a glass of wine
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- How about public shagging? Or public pornography consumption? Why go down this road? You know darn well that this will not just be responsible citizens enjoying a beer at a picnic table. This will only embolden the existing scum of the city.
- Who will keep tabs on rowdy behavior?
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- yes, drinking leads to bad behaviour, drunk driving, exposes children who are at the park to rude language.
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- Glass shards in the public
- I have seen very little issues.
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- Yes I would be concerned with the police presence to handle disorderly conduct in the park. And the proper disposal of alcoholic containers (almost like a donation bin so it can not be retrieved once disposed). What would park handling population do?
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- Will lead to more people drinking in public without booking sites. May be hard to manage/police. People may think they are allowed to drink in parks anywhere. Would be nice if there was a way to encourage/enforce responsible/respectful drinking.
- People are already drinking liquor. Why not make it legal?
- N/A
- Yes, see above.
- As mentioned above.

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- None.
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- Security would be needed to enforce responsible behavior
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- Not needed
- Just unruly drunks and driving drunk
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- I feel this is just a stepping stone to full consumption in public and one long overdue. I love this city and wish people were trusted and responsible to each other. Not allowing things in public make it a rebellious stigmatized activity.
- No
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- liquor doesnt belong in s picnic area
- strongly in favor. Look to the rational approach used in MANY European cities.
- the oldman does not have anything else to do to propose this at all
- I believe it's all around a bad idea.
- People are gonna be drunk where kids are and that is so bad. Also, some people get violent when they drink so they might hurt children. I can go on and on
- I don't believe liquor should be allow in an unregulated/unmonitored public space. Something will go awry when ther is nobody there to enforce the rules. Is it going to cost the city more money to monitor these locations effectively.
- People will not limit their drinking to one drink.
- I'm concerned about this decision of allowing alcohol consumption in public places. Alcohol and marijuana it's the new normal ?
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- No
- Sounds like a ridiculous idea to me.
- Unfortunately we have to legislate to the lowest common denominator. While there may be many responsible citizens, the few that aren't are why we can't have nice things.
- I think it's a great idea/initiative for adults in Calgary to choose how they enjoy their free time and use of our city parks.
- I don't feel it's necessary to have alcohol allowed in parks.
- Drunk people causing a unsafe inviorment
- This topic is so typical of a council that has nothing to do....

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- see above - why introduce a realistic risk of negative behaviours where the bulk of citizens are simply enjoying a day out?
- WE DONT NEED MORE PROBLEMS REGARDING ALCOHOL IT NEVER BRINGS ANYTHING GOOD
- Alcoholism is the abuse of the substance which is more common than the city realizes the only way to ensure this is used responsible is recourse and money and it will be abused and it will be near impossible to enforce, dumb idea
- No
- a couple of beers is fine, but if people are very drunk and disorderly thats where bylaw officers should step in
- Hard to police the public. People tends to push the boundaries.
- Who is going to oversee behaviour, driving, or confrontations with others
- I just think its about time. It would be nice to enjoy wine with a picnic like allowed in Europe!!
- I think it is a great idea as long as it is regulated, and does not create issues in neighbourhoods after hours with noise and vandalism
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- liquor should be allowed in all parks. it's no worse than neighbors having a drinking party in their back yard.
- Just around the possibility of the glass bottles breaking - maybe more recycling bins could be added.
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- Kids are allowed in parks, and picnic sites, alcohol should not be.
- Needs to be monitored as calgarians learn the rules.
- If people can't have a picnic without need in to drink alcohol they have a bigger problem.
- There are many places to have a beer, surely our parks are not the place.
- None at all. I think this is long overdue in our overly conservative Canada. Thank you for considering it!
- We don't need more people drinking in more places, we need less.
- Would require more recycling bins.
- No
- No liquor in parks unless the city allows Canabiss parks as well
- There is always someone who takes it too far and one problem, especially if children are close by is one too many. Drink at home, backyard, restaurant or bar.
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- Do not open this can of worms. Lots of places to drink legally. Do not need to drink in parks.
- See above. A ridiculous idea. This counsel is not in touch with more pressing problems.
- Increased taxpayer costs of monitoring to compliance conditions

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- Parks are enjoyed by people of all ages. There are more than enough places to drink liquor in the city.
- BAD IDEA
- I see enough bad behavior caused in this city by intoxicated individuals while there are already laws against public drunkenness. I do not want my child, family, friends or myself to be put at risk by intoxicated individuals.
- Leave the parks safe and fun without alcohol for the whole family.
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- Should not be allowed
- FYI - I do not picnic in City parks but if mature individuals want to have a beer with their burger I am fine with it.
- This is a worthwhile pilot project that is progressive and trusts citizens with responsible behavior
- see above
- Yes. Liquor changes the entire picnic sites atmosphere
- A few irresponsible people area could ruin it for everyone.
- So long as done responsibly, it's a net benefit
- Punish the troublemakers. Leave the rest alone and allow us to make our own decisions!
- Allowing public consumption of alcohol is not a slope I wish to traverse. It forces people to have to be around substances they do not wish to be around, if they want to use the park. If people want to drink while eating, do it at home or restaurant/bar.
- It is not necessary. City council has more important things to focus on.
- Let's catch up to the times and join many countries in the wold that allow alcohol to be consumed responsibility in nature.
- Conduct of individuals in family sites
- I have seen this done in other cities with no negative impact
- DONT DESIGNATE PARKS - MAKE IT LEGAL IN ALL PARKS! Listen to Counciller Gian Carlos
- Obviously, abuse. But that is what comes with living in a big, inclusive city. You cannot allow a few to ruin something for all.
- Liquor should not be allowed at parks, people who want to drink it can easily have it at their homes.
- No concerns. Hopefully people wouldn't be taking advantage of the privilege! We have so many rules now !
- Yes, how would the park be selected, will it be a park that children are not allowed to go, will more officers be hired to monitor, what will be the rules around littering/enforcement?
- Should never have been disallowed. Address the real problem of antisocial behaviour in any setting
- Yes, I am tired of people smoking drugs in front of my face and I am tired of people throwing because they are drunk

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- No to drinking liquor in pickic sites. I have their backyards to do that. I don't have a backyard then go to your friends.
- Alcohol before driving and boating
- I think it's a great, "grown up" idea at long last!
- If done properly this can be a boon to our culture. It will also create demand for pinic sites closer to home, so people will choose not to risk having a few and driving.
- Yes it will destroy our generation
- More and more people are becoming overcome with addiction both alcohol and drugs. When will we be able to encourage good old fashion talking and enjoying our surroundings
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- Totally unnecessary. There are plenty of places people can consume alcohol. Many people will abuse the privilege. Proper enforcement will be impossible. Put a picnic bench in your back yard.
- Urination/ defication in public areas is already a concern and will only increase if consumption is allowed
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- There is drinking going on now so why make it worse
- The survey is biased because it asks only for benefits. A balanced survey would ask for both benefits and drawbacks. Alcohol use in parks is already a major issue, and requests for bylaw enforcement are rarely followed up, so who will enforce the rules?
- They are a family area and we should not promote more drinking.
- Yes, allowing drinking in a park will devolve to a group with a bag of chips and a case of beer, and WHO will police that and what is the cost of policing it ???
- You'll never be able to police and prevent excess alcohol consumption. Then finding the subsequent mess such as trash or after effects of regurgitation are simply not acceptable
- I don't like the idea!
- Yes, allowing liquor now is just a spat forward for the council member to piggyback use of cannabis in parks.
- Now that police can invade privacy and make you blow anytime, you should be able to drink in many more places (ie hockey dressing rooms) and it is the drinkers responsibility to not drive.
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- Drinking and driving
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- Just hope that this is not approved common sense we need to stick to the rules to avoid accidents disorderly people and feel safe drinking and drugs never turns anything better.... Enjoy the parks for what they are we do not need to drink in them...

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- Of course. Need more rules, more conscious and more force to control everything thing. For sure will spoil the environment and more garbage. so many concerns
- Yes, drunk people in parks
- It may start at one or two parks but it will increase and all will be consuming liquor.
- Don't think it should be limited to picnic sites only.
- If you won't allow cannabis then alcohol should not be used.
- Should not be allowed
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- only concern are the drunk kids damaging things... but again as always the police can go after them for drunk in public, vandalism, or whatever... 1% idiots to 99% decent people shouldn't prevent people from enjoying a good time.
- An increased level of disorderly conduct and less family friendly environments. If you need to consume alcohol in a sitting than do it in an appropriate social setting for adults or at home
- Booooo
- The city has already chosen no to have cannabis in parks. Why would liquor be a better idea?
- Only concern is this becoming a way to get cannabis in parks as well (which I oppose). It is a very different issue, with the smell and second hand smoking, which does not happen with liquor.
- There is no need for this. Alcohol is a drug and should only be consumed at licensed establishments or private property. I am concerned it would also lead to cannabis consumption, which has a horrid odour.
- This is no prohibition era so no, and you either allow liquor on picnic areas, so no, I don't have any concerns
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- Inappropriate use or unmonitored alcohol consumption by minors
- Should not allowed
- Yes
- Parks are basically for kids so now you allow every kid to have this view. they have a role model not which destroy their images.
- Liquor consumption at picnic sites will impact the freedom of families to enjoy at the park. Every person who drinks is not capable to control his/her behaviour after drinking.
- Do not treat this as yet another revenue-generating opportunity.
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- I think this is a great move - we know that binge drinking is a much bigger problem here than in Europe, where drinking isn't treated like a taboo but rather just as a part of the cultural cuisine.
- THE NEW DRINKING AND DRIVING RULES. NO ONE TO PATROL THE SITES . BROKEN GLASS

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- If you have an event that serves liquor you have license and insurance. I think allowing liquor in Park is asking for alot of liability issues.
- Allowing liquor in parks opens the door for more policing requirements. Our police force has more than enough police work to tend to.
- No reason to drink alcohol where others are trying to enjoy family time..
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- No concerns
- None
- Not at this moment.
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- People don't seem to have morals and values anymore and do not know how to behave, be respectful of others or property. One drink is never enough for most. Who is going to police this ? Where can families have good family time?
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- Not really, I feel like it's already happening. Only concern would be drinking and driving but think that's an issue regardless of this.
- Should be allowed
- People in Europe have been doing this for centuries, no problems there, let's keep up with the times. Maybe it will attract more tourists!
- As mentioned, alcohol should not be allowed in public parks. Concerned about children being around. There could be potential for aggressive behavior, fights breaking out. Just uncontrolled situations!
- No
- I don't think city parks are the place for alcohol consumption.
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- Policing is already over stressed and it would be difficult/biased/targeted minorities process to implement/regulating this.
- Are you kidding? It would be a free-for-all in no time. The city would no more enforce any rules around this fiasco in the making than you do with any other existing park rules. Drunks and rowdies would be the only people left using our parks.
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- Over consumption and drinking & driving

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- Voiced above. It simply should NOT be allowed. Already too many drunks on the roads and the sidewalks without giving the more reasons and places to drink then drive or even walk. IT ISN'T APPROPRIATE ANYWHERE. A pilot isn't needed nor advisable.
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- I would love to see this come to fruition. My wife and I live across from a park in the inner city and would love to be able to have some wine with a picnic lunch without feeling like we are doing something wrong
- I feel this will cause more grief, danger, mess, damage and don't see any pros that would out weigh the cons
- It is a bad idea.
- I have plenty of concerns. Why do we need one more place to drink when we already have many many places to drink liquor already.
- No, everything in moderation and Calgarians are fairly sophisticated and cultured. those that aren't, as with everything else in life, have to pay the price for their disrespect of being normal.
- As long as there aren't people passed out under park benches from drinking, which can and already is monitored by by law and police, then I think this is a great idea!
- With the legalization of marijuana, I feel that many people will start taking our parks over for a "party" spot. People will smoke weed and drink. This will make it hard for families with small children to enjoy themselves at their local park.
- No
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- I do not understand why this is even a topic to consider. I cannot believe cannabis was legalized. There are no words to express my disgust with this. Don't get me wrong, I am not against drinking. I have concerns for our children and society.
- The rules City Council are proposing are confusing & unrealistic. Simply sectioning off an area of certain parks for legal liquor consumption would be far easier to understand... Especially when you've had one or two.
- None
- Very concerned that people become too unruly and loud
- No
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- Not sure we need alcohol in our public parks
- Will result in drunk people - need to leave public parks safe for all

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- Countries like Europe arent "plagued" by public drunkenness or indecency, and all of Europe allows public alcohol consumption, so allowing it is a no brainer
- Na
- Yes even it is designated sites it is not safe to be in public. Why no one think about kids??!!
- Unsafe individuals causing a disturbance but these people would likely not want to be drinking in a city park or they are already
- Can't understand why some people need to drink whenever and where ever. There are lots of patios that allows it.
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- None, it is about time we kept up with the world and realized that Liquor is apart of our lives
- No
- One of the best things about many parts of Europe is their casual laws around liquor- which makes it less appealing to youth and actually decreases binge drinking
- I would worry about an increase in garbage left behind.
- No
- I do worry that initially a few unruly people will inevitably abuse this privilege but judging from other US cities and European cultures I've visited this doesn't seem to be an issue once it becomes the norm.
- Cannibus is healthier
- No thank you
- Greatly concerned that this even merits discussion. No liquor2e 1r1
- This is Calgary's biggest problem? City Hall should try doing their jobs instead of this nonsense.
- Being disruptive and damaging sites should be strictly forbidden and enforced
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- See above.
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- It becomes a slippery slope. Yes, there seem to be regulations now, but how soon before police have to referee. Better to have just one rule, no public consumption
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- Why not just turn parks into red light districts, open liquor, drug use, anything for a buck - nothing pristine and natural for this government because all they want is \$
- None
- Discreet responsible adults who have any to drink have and will always find a way to.
- I am strongly against liquor should be consumed in closed and private spaces as the reaction to it is highly personal and unpredictable, I do not want myself or my kids to be out in the Park where drunken crowds are shouting, shooting of killing

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- Consuming liquor is strictly against my religion. Though I respect everyone's Views ; I also want others to respect my values n religion. It is be
- No
- very bad idea
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- It think recycling bin should be increased in the case that its allowed and the amount of liquor need regulation.
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- Not everyone can handle their liquor. For people that think people smoking cannabis can become more violent or troublesome than people drinking are delusional.
- No
- Leaving cans/bottles. More recycling and garbage cans would be required
- Strict penalties should apply to those who cause problems, including banning people from parks.
- Alcohol consumption is fine at home or at appropriate venues, parks and picnic areas are for families!
- Designated recycling containers
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- We should be able to smoke cannabis at these sites, too.
- There will definitely be an increase in litter, poor behaviour, rowdiness.
- What is the benefit of allowing it public.
- If drinking is ever allowed it should in a fenced area like a designated beer garden and be patrolled with security guards
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- Need to set up full time check stop at exit of every park. It will be taken advantage of. Big parties, late night bingeing. Do we really need to change just to change? Drink at home or in a bar. Create beer gardens instead.
- I absolutely have concerns. There is a reason why alcohol is consumed in locations where children (under 18). There are people regulating the establishments. Who will make sure the law is enforced? A terrible idea.
- Do it
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- My concern is that some people will not respect the regulations to drink in designated areas only and we will have alcohol everywhere in the park and all the disorderly behavior associated with drinking.

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- Very concerned about crime and other problems that will bring this change. Think about younger population that has to witness all alcohol consumption around them and the bad behaviour coming with that. Think about our future - kids first then about adults
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- Yes children being exposed to these things
- As above
- N/a
- No
- My concern is what this would lead to, how can it be properly regulated, and the extra resources to monitor this.
- It should not be allowed
- No, I think it's a great idea.
- Yes. All the concerns selected in question 2
- I don't think Religious belief should play a role in this, as laws are not dictated by belief but rather safety and environmental concerns.
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- alcohol should just be consume in designated are, in their house or in pub...
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- Should not be consumed in parks.
- Not a good idea...
- I think it will increase park use which will build more sense of community, and help Calgarian's appreciate these natural areas more.
- No apart from my comment that you should be allowed to drink in all parts.
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- Yes. Big concern here. Many problems will occur. The whole city would not be a good quality living style
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- All concerns checked off above.
- No
- Bad idea!
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- Adults enjoying a drink or two with a meal out in the fresh air is no cause for concern.
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- ↑ ☐ Mess, policing issues, inappropriate behaviour, driving and drinking, marijuana demands, liquor exposure to youth, underage drinking. Why is alcohol necessary in this circumstance?

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- Yes. I do not believe that there are any benefits to expanding the consumption to public areas. The intention might be to allow someone to enjoy a glass of wine etc...but there always be the ones who will stretch the rules.
- I have travelled to Europe numerous times, and throughout Asia and parts of South America. Our attitude towards public consumption of liquor is dated. Cities in other parts of the world are not overrun with drunk and disorderly people!
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- Just needs to be monitored for excessive drinking and partying. Also time limits.
- I find it hard to believe that this type of policy would benefit anyone in the city. It will put more pressure on police resources.
- Let people be adults! Let's get rid of the "Nanny State" attitude!
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- I think it should be mandatory for our mayor and city council to watch the movie "Idiocracy" as a matter of fact if everyone watches it, they will understand why we are even having this discussion....
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- Inappropriate
- no
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- Whether Albertans can take similar approach as Quebecois - that it is part of meal and event with friends. Not a means to an end.
- No
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- There are already laws against drunken & disorderly conduct that apply whether it's legal to have open liquor in parks or not. I don't believe relaxing the rules will increase this. I've visited many cities in countries around the world that allow this.
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- No.
- I have concerns that the government will screw it up and there will be police/bylaw people running around irritating park goers. When I'm out of country walking around with a beer, the police don't care because they're looking for ACTUAL CRIMINALS.
- N/A
- No concerns, I'm all for it!!
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- Concerns, 1. Harmful activity can happen to everyone around you 2. Children go to the park to have fun, not to be sold or harassed by drunks 3. Harms the environment 4. Can be scary to children 5. Creates violence

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- Let's keep enjoying being outside in beautiful natural settings about just that, not ANOTHER chance to drink alcohol. Woohoo, another party. Can't we leave booze out for once.
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- Calgary is not the same as European culture where they are raised to drink responsibly. Alberta already has high alcoholism. Abuse and disorder is sure to increase and cause problems as the City doesn't have personnel for patrolling and enforcing rules.
- If handled appropriately and only picnic sites located away from playgrounds and other facilities are picked I feel like this could open up a lot of community events.
- Parks and picnic areas are for every individual who seeks peace and trying to relax after a long week of work, the second you allow alcohol on these areas every homeless will be on these site, collecting bottle, picking up leftover, list is so long.
- No.
- It's a wonderful idea and most welcomed by me, my group of friends and many many young parents.
- Are they serious???
- In general, the would-be trouble makers are already drinking in the parks and are repeatedly intoxicated in public.
- Drinking is currently taking place in parks in secret and making it legal will only allow it to increase and become more commonplace.
- No
- No
- Yes. Many of our parks are close to water and launch points for floats. Public intoxication and disorderly conduct may increase and I think it's a greater public safety concern. Also the difficulty to figure where people should/shouldn't be drinking.
- In an era when we are trying to discourage impaired driving this is just begging for it to happen. How do you get home after going to a park and drinking, your car is there.
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- pot should be legal in parks too
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- Please stop this from the parks we are already suffering from the marijuana. people are consuming it I the parks we smell it Our kids are affected too
- i think it is ridiculous. if people want to drink, there are so many other places they can do that. keep parks and picnic sites without alcohol
- No
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- No
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- Most people bring liquor anyways. It would be nice to be able to not “hide” the liquor plus the City could develop rules that the public might actually follow.
- No
- liquor should not be allowed in parks
- No.
- Don't do it
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- People who drink lots would be more likely to get into altercations with other people. And without any security or control, this would leave people at a higher risk.
- I think this would be a strain on the police. How will they monitor this? I see this getting out of hand and it would be a waste of police resources to have to respond to the complaint calls.
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- Not sure why people feel the need to require drinking in everything they do. There are more than enough designated places for such activities. Parks are supposed to be peaceful areas where one can spend a day or afternoon.
- Nope
- No
- None. Its already being done and should not be hidden
- I would not vote for any City councillor who supported this endeavour.
- Allow it
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- Most people are already consuming liquor on the parks and there have been no huge issues. Most people are quiet and discreet and I think that will stay the same if liquor is allowed.
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- Not really. The same rules should be applied as elsewhere. Should allow consumption of marijuana also. Not fair to legalize it, but not be able to use it anywhere.
- No
- Long overdue.
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- No
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- Calgary Police have more than enough work to do already, and as the population grows -- while park space does not -- (highland park greenspace, country hills) -- I see this as discouraging the quiet crowd.
- So many people do it now and it's rarely a problem so you might as well allow it.
- Yes, that alcohol and marijuana are treated equally, and that it is strictly regulated. We have a large issue with poor driving in the city. Individuals driving under the influence from the park would be a concern.
- number one.. someone drives to park.. drinks all the beers, get back in motor vehicle and then drives to nearest bottle shop for a re-load and drives back. drinks it all. drives home. this is terrifying.
- I think its a great idea!
- Liquor need not be consumed in public.
- Family Safety.
- Shouldn't not be allowed at all
- If it could be ensured that everyone would practice moderation, it's not a bad idea. But you can't. Another concern is that enforcement will be so subjective and fraught with inconsistency.
- This is a very slippery slope. Who is going to police this? Absolutely not in a public park!
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- Yes. I think it's a bad idea because something like this would not go as planned. People will abuse it.
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- alcohol is a drug. Despite being legal, it has no place at family friendly parks. Why does every social occasion have to be associated with alcohol?? Ridiculous-parks are public and should be for the common good.
- It should not & never be allowed at picnic sites in parks. As picnic sites in parks for picnic not for Alcohol consumption.
- Yes about people getting drunk and confrontational.
- I have to admit I would be concerned about those rare individual who have no sense of right and wrong... and would get inebriated. That would be sad. There will always be idiots who have no sense of right and wrong. The majority of people would be fine!
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- I trust that a vast magority of calgarians will not abuse drinking in a public park environment
- the more the government tries to restrict something that is going to happen regardless of whether it is legal or not, the less enforcable your laws become and the less faith people have in the legal/governing system.
- Family's with children are there to enjoy their time not to watch people drink and then they will get drunk and cause problems and fight with others kids should not be allowed to watch people drink

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- No, go forward with this idea
- I think it's a good idea.
- There is no actual benefits for liquor in parks and too complex to enforce or control
- Security, Security, Security.
- Its not good to consume liquor in a public place
- I'm excited at the idea that Calgary is progressive enough to consider this and I think it will bring nothing but good things. Movie in the park with picnic baskets and wine are a huge hit!
- It encourages bad behaviour ... not good behaviour ...
- We don't need liquor every where we go. Going to a park should be a healthy outing ennoying fresh air and excersice adding liquour will just make it unpleasent with drunks around.
- None.
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- Let it happen. Don't make it cost too much. My postal code has nothing to do with a pilot project's appropriateness. Implement a pilot wherever because it's the right thing to do.
- Its not a good idea i have already marked reasons in questoon number 2
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- Do this!
- None
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- Let us enjoy the picnic with family & friends in a healthy and hygienic way.
- No
- No
- This is long overdue
- See responses forum question #2. The concept of having "Eurpean style" picnics in Calgary is fanciful thinking. Our culture has never reflected this ideal and may then open the doors having the same rules apply to cannibis use in public spaces.
- None
- No
- I am concerned this change will not address the fundamental social inequity enforced through public consumption laws. Public consumption ticketing should be completely eliminated because they only reinforce social inequity.
- No
- No
- Only that you should have done this a long time ago.
- Would encourage food trucks/vendors to offer alcoholic beverage sales as well.
- I do not see how this will benefit the city or it's residents at all.
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- I don't drink, but support the choice of others to do as they please.
- Need for increased recycling facilities.
- I foresee a surge in alcohol fueled fights and vandalism. People will leave empty bottles and cans. They will also find vomit urine and excrement near the tables.
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- If allowing alcohol, have more police / security presence to monitor any diorderly behavior that may occur
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- None that I haven't already referred to.
- I think it's a great idea!
- I see nothing wrong with have a little to drink. There will always be people that would beyond a little but I think that they are drinking now when they should not be.
- People are generally respectful and responsible for their behaviour- when they cannot manage their actions,there are consequences and actions that can be taken. This is different from canabis use as we currently have smoking bylaws - alcohol is different
- We live in Canada and the government keeps coming out with to many rules so let's do something fun!!!
- I am opposed to it
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- This initiative will reduce everyone's enjoyment of a serene public place. There are bars and private establishments for this.
- Please do not allow it. That's my comment
- Make sure there is a means of collecting bottles and cans, and maybe keep drinks away from the riverbank or rocky areas where bottles can break. Litter is the main concern I have but as long as that's looked after then I don't see why not.
- I think it is a bad idea. People can drink at their homes and let those who don't drink have an enjoyable time at the park of their choice.
- Yes. Generally speaking, people (specially youth) may not have the best judgement when it comes to alcohol consumption
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- This is one of the worst suggestions. We are having enough aggressive behaviour on roads.
- it's a bad idea and we've been fine without it since as far as i can remember
- Yes lots of concerns.
- No concerns as police are already monitoring for alcohol consumption.

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- I have concerns a lot of concerns !!! The parks and the picninc areas should be for family safe and for all people and for different ages! The parks should be a safe place where everyone can enjoy !
- I see absolutely no gain in consuming liquor at a famil friendly activity. Liquor can bring negative outcomes and if these occur it would be VERY hard to “police” undesirable behavior. It would be hard to convince me that drinking is needed at a picnic!
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- Liquor should no be allowed in parks.
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- I think it is best to keep parks liquor free. There is nothing wrong with liquor free parks. I am also against cannibus in parks.
- Please No liquor at picnic sites.
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- Please dont allow liquor
- No concerns
- I think it would be nice to have the freedom to legally have a drink or two on a picnic with family or friends. The vast majority of people would be responsible with this. Let's treat our adults as the mature people they are.
- No
- concern that this Opens a can of worms to unruly behaviour and abused priviledge. Children and non- drinking people don't need the head aches that go along with being around people who over-drink't
- Yes. You're not allowed to drink walking down the street, why should you be allowed at a picnic site?
- Please provide recycling receptacles.
- If they end up allowing liquor in the parks then the should allow cannibas as well
- I feel like this situation doesn’t need to change. This will just create more issues such as drunk driving, drunken public behaviour. At least more than there is now. Better to be safe than sorry.
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- Maybe broken glass but this is something I've seen anyway.
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- Yes, and I already answered that in question 2.
- I’m concerned about littering. Having proper recycling bins at the parks would be a must
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- The would be bottles, cans and mess, vandalism, mess and garbage left. Then people would want next to smoke cigarettes and dope. We want to get rid of drunk driving, why would we promote drinking at picnics?
- No concerns.
- Should be allow
- If it is near bike paths. Intoxicated may not be properly aware also running paths as there could be inappropriate remarks/behaviors.
- No. Do it already!
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- My concerns about liquor consumption in parks is the same as consumption anywhere else (drinking & driving, people becoming aggressive/violent after drinking). However, I don't think that allowing consumption in parks increases the risk of these concerns.
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- Wrong decision
- Concern about supervision and security if. A picnic table gathering got out of hand who do you call to curtail this
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- Should not be allowed. Of a family can't go to a park with pit booze, that is an issue.If you want to drink go to a bar.
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- Yes. This is not a good idea. We already have drinking in excess in areas where their is no permit. I feel that this would only encourage more illegal drinking
- If the sites are kept separate from non-liquor areas and far away from playgrounds, this could be a great thing.
- No it should be allowed anywhere with food (rules already prevent public intoxication, who cares if it's at a site or not)
- No
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- My only concern is that there may be more garbage in the park.
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- Only litter if it gets out of hand
- I enjoy alcohol but it should not be in public places. Enjoy drinks at home or bars etc., but not in public places.
- I think it's a great idea.
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- If this alcohol is allowed then so should cannabis be allowed
- This is a public area and I should not have to pay extra for money or put my safety or my loved one safety in jeopardy to support someone is a responsible behaviour this is why there are homes and there's bars and people can consume alcohol inside.
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- I have concerns about irresponsible consumption of alcohol leading to rowdy and unpleasant behaviour that may impact other surrounding picnic sites. Will you refund if this happened and they complaints arise. How do you deal with this? Before or after?
- Ensure proper facilities are there for recycling
- Above mentioned concerns
- It's a terrible idea.
- No
- If people want to drink then let them go to pub or drink at their own house. Drinking liquor increases potential risk of misbehaviour and Crimes to the community. Legalization of marijuana has increased crimes, thefts and accidents same will happen
- None
- Would suggest recycling bins are made easily accessable so we don't end up with a trash problem.
- Being a native from an island, and having experience alcohol consumption at beaches. I responsible consumption of alcohol outweigh the negativity. People are out to enjoy a nice time with friends and families in a responsible way.
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- Just concerned about people driving after spending an afternoon drinking alcohol.
- Mentioned above
- Just an overall bad idea. There is always a better choice of places to consume alcohol. I just think it's another cash cow.
- I do not think liquor consumption should be limited to picnic areas. Why not allow anyone eating a meal to consume? This would allow anyone with a blanket & a basket to enjoy a glass of wine too.
- Having lived where public consumption is allowed, the social effect is wonderful. Banning it is akin to treating adult citizens like children. I believe exposing children to responsible consumption reduces the likelihood of them binge drinking later on.
- Just bums and drunks taking advantage of a good idea. Cause there addicted to the booze and can't help them selves
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- Dealing with drunks and smelling pot smoke are not things I want to be doing if I'm at a any park.

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- I think this is an amazing idea and very much hope that it can be implemented.
- Drinking may cause troubles.
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- 1 wud hope people wud respect laws, the park & others using park. Of course not every+ wud be mindful, but that's no different than other facilities allowing consumption of alcohol; additional resources wud be req'd 2 maintain order.
- As a born Calgarian and temporary transplant to Montreal, I firmly believe that the liberal approach there both encourages moderated drinking behavior and increased public use of parks.
- Zero concerns.
- Great idea. I'm sure there will be some issues, and a learning curve. And if it causes more issues than hoped, it can be walked back.
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- People abusing it is a small concern, but a small proportion will always abuse something! This should not dictate policy for the vast majority who consume responsibly
- There is a reason minors aren't allowed in lounges and bars. Leave those establishments to those who want to drink and leave parks for those that can't drink or choose not to.
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- no need for that. potential for problems as per point 2
- There are plenty of licenced drinking establishments for those who want to consume alcohol in a public facility. Keep parks/picnic areas liquor-free so EVERYONE can enjoy. Enough social problems exist without adding on top with lax & too liberal rules.
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- I deeply believe that liquor should NOT be consumed in places where children are supposed to have a good time.
- We need to stop being such a conservative city.
- People not recycling their bottles/cans and some people may over indulge. Overall I think this is a great idea however. I loved enjoying the park with a glass of wine in Europe.
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- Very concerned
- I think it's worth trying out. If people can responsibly manage this new opportunity, then it's fine. If not, the rules can always be changed to restrict alcohol use to some degree.
- No alcohol and no cannabis.
- This is encouraging alcoholism

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- I am concerned about public drunkenness going up, even “tipsy” behavior can cause problems, injuries and poor experiences for families. How will it be at all enforceable to make sure people aren’t getting drunk or drinking and driving.
- The influence on our children
- You could compromise and allow only beer/wine/coolers which limits use of hard alcohol and since people have to transport the liquor and keep it cold it also could potentially mean less consumption
- None
- No concerns this will only benefit people who drink responsibly because the people that are going to cause an issue are the same kind of people who don’t follow the law and drink anyways
- Drinking should not be allowed public places. Families shouldn’t have to worry about running into drunks in a place meant for relaxation and having fun.
- No, I think it will encourage people to get outside more with their families. I trust that Albertans will not abuse it. I very much enjoy traveling to places such as Europe and having a glass of wine outside.
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- People should be allowed to make deductions on their own. Banning it only increases a negative view for children. If the recent marijuana rules are treated like cigarettes and can be smoked in public why not alcohol.
- Let’s grow up as a society and not punish mature, responsible citizens for some ridiculous moral standard set by a religious minority.
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- There’s already clandestine liquor consumption in some parks (Bowness) which is not being monitored, however will the City enforce permitted consumption? Will marijuana consumption be concurrently permitted? If not, why not?
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- Alcohol is allowed in picnic sites in my country and it is a disaster, people don’t know about limits, it’s a terrible example for kids and parks become dangerous because of glass bottles.
- Nothing like encouraging drinking and driving! with so many places where alcohol can be consumed, why the parks? are we forgetting our children? I don’t think they’ll be safe. I am totally against.
- Boxes checked in #2 sum it up well. There are many drinking establishments with nice patios. No need to create consumption spaces in public parks.
- Liquor=trouble of all kinds just name it
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- I think liquor should be allowed anywhere within our parks and if people are behaving poorly (while drinking or not), there should be consequences
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- No concerns.
- Encourages drinking and driving as well as more policing.
- Police presence is a MUST. When I was in Paris, I consumed alcohol at the Eiffel Tower numerous times. I never witnessed any sort of disturbance, but that can be directly attributed to a police presence
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- Safety
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- Ideally, excessive drinking should be discouraged...is there any way to restrict the amount of alcohol you are permitted to bring into the park?
- None
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- I don't think it's a good idea. Too many concerns.
- It will increase the safety issues we are already experiencing in the City
- No
- There is no policing of parks to intervene when drinking leads to loud obnoxious and often aggressive behaviour. This encourages underage drinking. I do not want to meet up with drunken party groups who will have no reason to stop.
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- The only concern I have would be people consuming more than they should and driving home, although those people can do that from anywhere. Another concern I have would be people not respecting their surrounding environment and leaving it a mess.
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- How would this ever be enforced. The police cannot even enforce distracted driving. Makes potential for impaired driving higher.
- No
- No, but actually is not safe
- I don't see why alcohol should be allowed in public spaces at all. You'll have an increased risk of broken bottles, drunkenness and intoxication around other families.
- Allowing liquor at picnic sites is not a good idea. Aside from the negatives selected above, there will be some people who abuse the policy. Consider how many smokers don't follow the "no smoking" policies - some will ignore the City's stipulations.
- No
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- Bylaw officers and police are already so busy. Unless the city has the budget to hire more to make sure people behave in these public parks, you are just opening doors to many things to come. It will be alcohol now then later what? Please don't.
- No
- I've lived in several major Canadian cities where this was an option and there were no issues! It's a great idea - I really hope you move forward with it.
- I hope it does not happen
- No
- All good things.
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- Yes
- I think we should be able to ! Picnics are fun for all and much much cheaper than eating out.
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- No
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- Please please please allow Calgary to step into the 21st Century, tourists might not leave so quick to Banff when they arrive. I hope a location downtown will be allowed that is accessible by walking. Sunalta!
- Liquor should not be allowed in public parks
- No concerns.
- It is a worse idea the. City of Calgary think about it
- I do think liquor consumption should only be allowed during certain hours
- so many things to enjoy sober outdoors
- Stop trying to pander to the idiot religious people who can't stand the site of others drinking. Just because your religion doesn't allow it, doesn't mean you can ruin everyone elses fun.
- Abuse of power by police to reach ticketing quotas
- It's stupid idea!
- Yes, do not want more alocohol consumption encoraged. Enough problems with drinking in parks, cars etc. and NOTHING is done about it. Are the councellors who are pushing for these changes going to be supervisnfg these sites and dealing with drunks ?s.
- I have just as much concern about Pot and Smoking around kids and then driving and often the mess left behind.
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- Please keep our public parks free of alcohol and drugs. Keep these area safe for all that go there.
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- People with delicate sensitivities causing problems.
- None.

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- I believe that for the first while this would have to be policed heavily as this would be something new and some people might abuse it. Once it becomes the norm this would improve. Similar to Europe.
- Seems like a bad idea in general
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- Most countries in the world allow this . I have been in Costa Rica for 33 days , where people drink on The beach , parks etc . Their own drinks. So far I gave seen only one drunk person in 33 days. Same to Europe . Did a 6 country tour this summer- all ok
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- Against
- Let people be civil and enjoy alcohol publicly.
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- This needs to happen. I understand running it as a pilot first, but it has been proven time and time again, in countries around the world to have a positive impact.
- No concerns. Time for Calgary to move out of the dark ages. I think it's a great idea
- Liquor should nor drink at public area
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- I certainly hope that if it is approved that this will not lead to the decision to allow canabis at picnic sites as well
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- Leave recycling bins out so the city can cash in on the empties. (You're welcome)
- No permit
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- See no need for this change
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- No concerns whatsoever.
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- I think it is a great idea but unfortunately there will always be some people that will abuse it. The city should make a decision based on what is safe and not extra police work.
- I think it's fine without
- Why bother with designated picnic sites? Just allow them in city parks as people picnic, rest and relax throughout our parks. perhaps make an exception for playground areas. Open liquor consumption in parks works in Europe and the world doesn't end
- Please do it! About time we caught up to the rest of the world!
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- As always if it's done responsibly and there is a modicum of enforcement from bylaw/CPS then I don't see it being a big deal.
- Everything in moderation
- There should always be low or no cost options available. So many Calgarians are struggling and can't afford restaurants. It is cruel to make it so that we cannot afford public parks
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- Concerns are bad behaviour, drink and drive from public park, drinking in front of children who are not normally exposed to alcohol consumption especially near playgrounds. Parks are for clean air, nature watching, healthy lifestyle and exercise.
- Used to be you needed a liquor license to serve alcohol. That must mean you're going to waive liquor licenses.
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- As someone who works in the restaurant industry, I really enjoy a bottle of wine at a picnic by the river. If it's legal, we just won't have to hide it.
- Only concern is for irresponsible people being irresponsible. But really, these activities happen already, so I don't see any change in behavior overall.
- No.
- Some citizens may not drink and act responsibly causing a less than desirable experience for the other people within the park. It would be hard to control the amount of consumption so would have to have more bylaw officers present which would cost more \$\$
- Every one of the concerns in question 2 answers are what would happen. Where would the control come from to stop people from drinking and driving, being injured, being violent, etc, etc, etc.
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- I don't see why individuals need to drink liquor to enjoy a park environment, there are other areas in the city for that. I can guarantee there will be garbage and damage from parties and families don't feel comfortable in the environment.
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- Shouldn't allow
- It should not be permitted
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- This really is a no brainer. Not an issue anywhere where it's allowed!
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- Designate areas away from playgrounds or areas where lots of kids are likely to gather.
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- Yes ,would be unsafe for kids

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- No
- I'm just worried about the usual. Those who don't clean up after themselves.
- Police the drunkenness and bad behavior. A quiet glass of wine should be fine. Even if it's a homeless guy.
- It's a no brainer.
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- I think it should be very limited.
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- Yes, I'm concerned about bad behaviour and litter
- I would not want the picnic areas to turn into party central.
- No, as I mentioned before with the legalization of marijuana, everyone was worried of the unknown. Nothing has changed. You smell it the same places in town you did as when it was illegal. It's time Canada caught up with Europe and relax a little bit.
- I don't think it would be any different than drinking at festivals and various events we already are used to consuming alcohol at. Everyone knows the dangers and taking caution is a must.
- Only concern would be about users consuming too much and creating trouble. Picnic areas are generally family friendly and it could bring about more underage drinking or disruptive behaviour. Strict enforcement is a must
- In my backhome it is allowed, which just increased violence and law violations around some specific areas where the liquor is permitted
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- Canada is a decent country since liquor is sold separately and consumed in adult only places which helps in maintaining peace & decency.
- Allow for public consumption of cannabis as well.
- We are trying to get the Drunk drivers off the road stop giving them reasons to drink and drive!
- Stated above
- No
- Deal with those that abuse these privileges and not those who follow the rules and are respectful.
- Don't do it.
- I understand people like to drink and that's fine, but this opens up the door to other substances as well that frankly we shouldn't encourage. What does it say about us if we have people drinking/toking around kids or while supervising them?
- It should never be allowed. Parks should be kept for kids to have some outdoor time.

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- Parks are for all people and ages, families with young kids will not enjoy the presence of liquor and the rude behaviour of very small number of people who will have rude behaviour and will spoil the park for the rest
- Treat people as adults
- Liquor consumption should not be allowed in picnic sites
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- none
- My only concern would really be rowdiness leading to property damage, but if it's monitored well it shouldn't be a problem.
- Allow it. In fact, relax all laws regarding consumption of alcohol in public. It's antiquated, idiotic, and wastes the time, money, and energy of the people who are required to enforce these laws.
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- Mentioned above
- It should not be allowed at all
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- This is against the interest of general public and doesn't serve any good. Picnic sites provide a means of have healthy entertainment and should be open for all. Liquor consumption on public sites will create more unpleasant and unsafe conditions.
- No.
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- I think it's absolutely a move in the right direction.
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- Weed in public is next?
- I think most people would drink responsibly. Those that don't are probably drinking in public places anyway.
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- Yes, designated liquor sites will reduce park selection options for non liquor people
- litter or alcohol that is left out and not disposed of would be a concern
- Please consider all Canadians. If someone wants to drink so bad, they can do that in their back yard. Let's keep Canada safe and home for all Canadians.
- No.

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- Liquor often contributes to loud, rowdy, inconsiderate behavior which tends to ruin the enjoyment of other park users. That's why the Nat'l Parks have banned liquor at many of their visitor use areas. Liquor would cause more problems than it's worth.
- Of course have concerns of having my kids and family around wild drinking animals
- Exposure to children of liquor use, foul language, damage to property & tough behaviour
- Not at all agree to allow liquor on the public place.
- It is a place where children should feel safe and families should feel safe bringing their children to play without the fear of irresponsible and dangerous behaviour.
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- pls not allowed to picnic area
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- I've lived in Japan, where alcohol in parks is legal, and it's very safe. People use parks more in summer and there are lots of family and friends picnics and public festivals. It's fun and safe!
- I would like to know how will city be able to crack down drinking & driving.
- Asinine idea. We already have a shortage of police. Suggesting this idea will require more and strain resources. The last thing I want to deal with is boorish behaviour and cursing while I am relaxing
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- I do worry about people being more likely to drink and drive.
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- Broken glass would be the only concern. There shouldn't be more waste left behind than current alcohol free picnics. Bylaws would still have to be enforced on noise and disorderly conduct.
- We all are looking to a better environment to our kids and families, allowing liquor in public places doesn't support this goal at all
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- Obviously will need to be rules, monitoring and enforcement where necessary
- Please see above comments.
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- Terrible idea, will inevitably lead to problems due to over consumption.
- A picnic is for day use, there's no need to introduce alcohol in a family-accessible setting.
- Many countries allow people to enjoy consuming alcohol responsibly in public places and I believe it's about time to grant this freedom to Calgarians.
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- I am worried about increased public intoxication and drinking and driving

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- As long as liquor is consumed responsibly and messes are cleaned up, allow adults to use the space their tax dollars pay for how they want.
- Dont allow.
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- No
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- I would be worried about the misuse of the sites and how the city would be able to enforce safe drinking practices in the park. Although people do it already anyway I'm sure
- If you have to pay more or pay at all to be in the spots where you are allowed to drink, you won't appeal to the people who actually want to do it. People will just continue sneaking it in and doing it wherever if they must pay fees and pay for liquor.
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- No concerns. I believe it is a good, progressive social advancement in public engagement in an effort to bring people out to enjoy the city parks. I applaud the city for seriously considering this type of "a bit more freedom in public".
- Why the spread of corruption
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- Should not be allowed
- I think glass bottles shouldn't be allowed because broken glass is dangerous.
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- Yes. This has adverse effects on kids
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- No
- Just behavioural concerns, mainly young kids taking advantage and ruining it for others.
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- It would be misused and cause some family outing to avoid parks just in case
- Allowing alcohol consumption in public parks would be a huge step backward.
- Relax
- It goes against what parks are for, and putting people in danger once finish and drive home. It's not something you can control
- Very concerned about the decline of the quality of our parks
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- Not the best idea

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- No
- Its dangerous
- no
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- Even though not majority of people going to misbehave, but those few can create quite a havoc in Punlic Parks where Childrens are playing.
- Nose creek could use picnic tables.
- Please don't allow that.
- Yes! When there is alcohol there is chaos. Families and children need a calm outdoor environment anytime any where around Calgary without limitations nor restrictions!
- I'm a little worried that less responsible park users might be more likely to litter if liquor is allowed in the park (is there a way to make this very strict and clear for rentals allowing liquor consumption) but otherwise, no concerns.
- More drivers drinking
- if we need to eat to have alcohol, does that mean you can only have a beverage while you are actually eating? Can you sit around and visit and continue to drink afterwards? If not, what would the time limit be? Does the site have to be rented ?
- Yes. I believe that despite good intentions, the control of alcohol consumption will likely get out-of-hand. As with camping nowadays, many positive experiences are often ruined by big parties, loud obnoxious drinkers, etc. It takes away from the pleasure
- I don't think liquor consumption is necessary at any public outdoor family areas.
- None.
- It shouldn't happen.
- I am frankly shocked this is being considered. There is increased awareness of drinking and driving, so this seems backwards. This also would likely increase stress and workload out of our police and bylaw officers.
- It must not be allowed to our children, environment and country safe
- I have zero concerns about this issue.
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- It should be legal to consume alcohol in public, like most of the world
- Parks and picnic sites should be children friendly and I believe it's our responsibility to keep it that way.
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- No

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- Having a picnic or bbq in one of the parks in the city is almost like going camping in the mountains. You escape your life for a little while, but you can consume liquor while camping, which just makes it seem that much more fun. So why not fun in city?
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- I feel like the proposal is already too restrictive. I'd like to see a blanket relaxation to allow for treasonable consumption of alcohol in public parks.
- I do not want to see consumption of liquor and alcohol in public parks. Who is going to control whether they drink it with food or not? This can not be regulated, there are not enough authorities to regulate it.
- People have been known to get out of control when alcohol has been involved. I don't feel that this is a good environment for children to be exposed to.
- I can only see an increase in bad, anti-social, ignorant, and violent behavior at any parks that allow drinking. Who gets to clean up the mess? More burden on the taxpayer for cleaning the park. They have bouncers in bars for a reason. Whose idea is this.
- No
- nothing other than already stated
- None
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- Plz do not allow it. So unsafe for families with kids
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- Only that those who overindulge ruin it for others. Make clear and well communicated guidelines for what is and is not allowed. Then make strict and severe penalties for those who break them. No excuses to plead ignorance.
- Should not be allowed at all
- It would be nice to have parks stay kid friendly.
- Not appropriate as parks supposed to be family friendly site.
- No
- I do not agree with it at all. It will lead to problems we do not need.
- It is an infringement on my freedom. It is a ridiculous idea that aims at restricting families and preventing them from enjoying an affordable summer activity. I would mobilize like minded people to fight the city on this issue. Please stop it.
- No - Calgary is a progressive city we should allow this and allow people to be adults and responsibilities. All laws relating to driving and public intoxication still apply.
- I would strongly discourage it and will avoid my family visiting a ch parks
- No
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- , bad idea, bad for kids to get exposed, risky for other people in the surrounding area , accidents etc
- Why do people need to drink liquor at a picnic
- I very much believe this should be an allowed activity, it is not helping anything to have it be unlawful.
- Policing will need to be increased to control those that become disorderly
- More regular monitoring of the parks.
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- Should never be allowed
- I strongly disapprove.
- No concerns
- No concerns for me, Police could check some drivers when going out of picnic site if they have concerns...
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- I think it's a great idea
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- Responsibly enjoyed, it should absolutely be allowed. It's culturally significant and gastronomically relevant. Persons of legal age should be free to responsibly enjoy alcohol.
- I'm all for it.
- The concept of eliminating drinking for everyone at picnic sites because a small number of people may take advantage is flawed. If offenders are punished sufficiently everyone else will not have to suffer.
- Yes. It may result in disorderly behaviour and may harm the environment.
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- I am an ex police officer from Arizona. Drinking in parks was a problem. Families with children would sometimes leave so as not to expose their children to issues that would occur because others were drinking in the park.
- It will increase accident especially by drinking and driving
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- Please do not make this happen, it is not fair to people with children and to people who practise not drinking as apart of their religion to be around that, especially if a park or picnic site is somewhere you can just relax not worry about drunk fools.
- If people want to drink, let them do so in designated areas such as bars or in the comfort of their own home. It's not the public's job to have to tolerate the obnoxious behavior that goes hand in hand with public drinking.
- It should follow the approach Quebec has done.

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- No
- No
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- It will increase cost of implementation of law and order, which will increase taxes
- Yes. There is no need to allow such consumption. keep intoxicants in their place.
- Children safety
- Yes, I am concerned about consumption of liquor at any site. Potential for a messy site and disorderly conduct that cannot be policed.
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- Stay classy Calgary...stop changing laws. Time for a new mayor!
- not at designated sites. all sites should be legal.
- My only concern would be that they're still policed for underage drinking and they don't attract unsavoury characters.
- No.
- Homeless taking advantage of this. Overconsumption leading to drinking and driving. Cold weather not really necessary to have this in place. Need certain restrictions and times allowed. Be within radius of site, not just at picnic table.
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- No
- no
- Park are for young families and safe fun and city should
- Disorderly conduct /trash
- Read the above statement, alcohol is a vile drink that induces stupidity
- Maybe same rules as pools, no glass and just plastic bottles
- empty cans on the ground, peeing in public parks, some people will get wasted
- When will we learn public consummation isn't safe
- Generally no issues.
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- No
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- Yes I worry about the safety of children and woman

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- Countries that have very liberal alcohol consumption laws have higher rates of alcohol use disorder, alcoholic liver failure, youth alcohol consumption, and likely violent crime attributed to alcohol.
- Please help us to protect our kids. Keep the picnic site peaceful. Don't let drunk people to disturb others who want to enjoy nature.
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- Great idea. As long as people are discreet and orderly.
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- Allowing public drinking in a family environment doesn't make sense to me. It is a chance for people to relax and meet with family. Why risk an increase in drinking and driving, drinking and floating, or risking the happiness of people using the park?
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- Receptacles for disposal
- No
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- I would increase the number of recycling bins and perhaps a no glass policy.
- No
- Do it!
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- No hard sprites, only allow coolers, beer or celebrations sprite like wine or champagne etc
- I am not in favor of liquor at picnic sites.
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- Trash leftover, fires, [removed] citizens who are not responsible.
- Yes
- Yes
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- Public drinking and consumption should not be allowed.
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- Not needed. Let us focus on things that REALLY matter in our City.
- It is a not good idea to have liquor in open public spaces.

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- No
- Not safe
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- It should not be allowed as it cause more harm than good to everyone and everything around it.
- I am appalled that this is even being considered, considering the young age of children that might be exposed to alcohol and alcohol related incidents. Public places should be a safe environment for everyone and I believe alcohol can not be controlled.
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- Currently cannabis cannot be consumed in public places, like alcohol. If you allow alcohol, I expect you will also allow cannabis.
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- If it is in designated sites, it is no different than someone having a drink at a restaurant and walking around after.
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- I think its a terrible idea and should no be introduced
- No concerns
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- People taking it too far
- see Q2 answer
- It shouldn't be allowed in any case. Parks when human can go near nature. And have peace of mind, clean air and nice refreshing atmosphere.
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- Liquor consumption in designated picnic sites in parks is a really bad idea. Why is it so important to have liquor and pot accessible so readily all of a sudden. As the mother of a child who suffers from alcohol and drug addiction, I strongly disagree
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- all of the above
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- It should not be allowed.
- None.
- It shouldn't be allowed
- Should be designed as a marketing feature for the city
- It should not be allowed at all
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- Please do not allow liquor at any of the picnic sites
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- My concerns is family will be more scared to go with kids to the park
- Yes. No public consumption. There are more than enough other places to enjoy alcohol (or cannabis). Leave the park for families, kids and nature
- The city trying to use it to make money.
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- Should not be allowed at all.
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- Not good at all.
- No
- No
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- Liquor consumption can't be controlled like smoking. Once a person is drunk they could lose sense of regulation and the impact will be felt in the entire site
- YES. It will increase in disorderly behavior, children will be exposed to seeing liquor use, safety concerns, drinking and driving, damage to the park, may increase violence, not good for the society.
- No.
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- There is no authority to control ill behavior due to excessive liquor use. So that is the biggest concern. I would not take a chance to be in the picnic site that allows liquor, as I don't want to spoil a family picnic.
- Yes: public intoxication, risk of DUI, increased litter, increased costs to the city (and taxpayers), public disturbance.
- Look to Toronto for an example - they recently did a similar pilot I believe.
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- I feel hard liquors should be omitted, beer or wine would be a better start to a pilot project. Parks near main public transit hubs would provide safer access options.
- I think, It would not be safe for visitors.
- Not acceptable in parks. Otherwise there should be no restrictions of kids at bars or any other place where liquor is allowed. Why different laws?
- No it should not be legal it will cause problems
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- If this allowed. Then those who wanted to break the law will start drinking in parks without control
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- Its very unsafe for children and the environment. And the parks were made for children to play in a safe environment, and allowing drinking at a park can really change that concept.
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- Response on query #2 are my comments.
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- By allowing drinking alcohol in public parks we are putting more drunk drivers on the roads which is causing public safety.
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- It would be good to keep them away from playgrounds and kids areas
- Parks are usually places for families therefore intoxicants are not suited in a family area
- Safety of families, damaging the beautiful scenes, reducing tourism, affecting kids and much more.
- Yes I do from religion, culture and safety prespective
- How can the city of Calgary put the public at risk like this. This isnt the Canada I grew in.
- There may be more unruly behavior and so enforcement may be needed. Can private events resell liquor?
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- Please consider all Canadians. If someone wants to drink so bad, they can do that in their back yard. Let's keep Canada safe and home for all Canadians.
- Yes Don't allow. Keep parks for our children. Bars are for liquor and Parks are for children and families
- Yes, picnic sites will become dangerous and crazy.
- No. Great idea.
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- Described above
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- Driving and drinking is a major concern. How would the possibility of underage drinking be prevented and/or monitored?
- Yes for concerns. People don't know when to stop drinking alcohol.
- Picnic is not a pub or a place to drink. If adults are allowed for liquor in parks then kids should be allowed in liquar store
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- Should allow only beer/wine/coolers (under 10%) versus “hard” liquor. Must allow for recycling of bottles in these spaces. A system to report abuse needs to exist.
- Please consider all Canadians. If someone wants to drink so bad, they can do that in their back yard. Let's keep Canada safe and home for all Canadians.
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- Perfect ole can do what they want on their own property not a common public place
- No
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- The main concern for me is that there be plenty of recycling bins in the area, and that glass bottles be either restricted or banned.
- It will be nuisance
- Liquor should not be allowed in parks where children's are playing and it create safety concerns as well.
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- disruptive behavior, drinking and driving.
- Children safety
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- This is the most ridiculous idea yet. There is no way the City will be able to enforce any regulations. There is way too much grey area- like what is ‘food’? A bag of chips? A 3course meal? Impossible to control.
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- No
- There are so many places where people can drink , why you want to allow this place ?
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- I don't think open consumption of liquor is recommended in any public site. People don't have the discipline to control themselves properly and the rest of the public End up being affected by this.
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- I would like to be more strict about it
- Yes its must not be allowed just so that you guys make the money
- Cosumption of alcohol in picnic areas where majority i children would be a hige security threat

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- The city has done a great job reducing smoking in public, why do the opposite with alcohol?
- Impaired driving. Drink and drive
- No
- Yes, it unlawful to get high in public place
- Drunk and disorderly conduct should be severely punished
- No
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- Not necessary, no one is being held back because they can't drink, won't provide any benefit to the city
- It's very unsafe not only for the consumers but for others as well
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- Yes as listed above
- This isn't allowing drunken disorderly behaviour. So no issues
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- N/A
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- See #2
- No
- I don't think it's a good idea because even though parks are ideal for social events. There are people who will not be able to control their consumption leading to disorderly behavior.
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- Why would it not be for all picnic sites?
- I worry about the people who drink to excess and then bother others enjoying the park
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- It is dangerous and liquor shouldn't be allowed
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- What a waste of time for CPS to have to police. It's the trouble makers who will wreck it for the people that just want to have a drink or two
- Liquor shouldn't be allow on picnic sites.
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- Parks are the only place where kids play and enjoy sunshine freely. I don't want to any drunk near my kid in park. Please don't allow

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- Plz don't allowed
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- It is inappropriate and a park with lots of kids would be so dangerous to them and others specially in the car parking area.
- this is a terrible idea, it only promotes more homeless people to be drinking in public places where families and children spend their time.
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- Continue enforcement of sites to limit unruly behavior.
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- If liquor consumption were to be allowed at certain parks I strong think my family and I would not continue to enjoy this parks.
- I wouldn't want my children to be exposed to seeing liquor. Liquor is associated with problems
- It is not a good idea
- What a terrible idea. Parks are supposed to be family friendly. They will no longer be so if they get taken over by drunk people.
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- None!
- Why was it ever illegal to begin with?
- I worry that the park may not be as peaceful with alcohol on the premises. Perhaps if the sites were separated from the rest of the park...but not sure how that would be managed.
- Not a good initiative by city.
- I don't like the idea
- Please don't allow liquor in parks, it's going to cause a lot of problems.
- Should. Not be allowed
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- Liquor its dangerous in a public places especially when there's kids.we want to stay safe and we worry about our kids the most.
- It's happening already, you might as well make it "legal".
- No
- In Europe this is a routine practice
- Not something our kids need to be exposed to.
- It's really hard to see drunk people with my children while we have fun.

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- Add more recycling bins.
- Please consider it. I think the vast majority of people would use it appropriately
- Liquor consumption in parks will lead to disorderly conduct, rowdy behavior and unnecessary exposure for children. Increased cost for the city to patrol and keep things in order. Once allowed the amount of liquor consumed cannot be controlled
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- I do not think that this is a good move for our city, we need to protect the safety of our public spaces and do so for the children as well.
- Should not be allowed,
- Why? Alcohol is not a prerequisite for enjoyment in life. It may remove inhibitions and “loosen things” up for a short while but more often than not those not drinking need protection from those who are. You’re our reps, please keep these protections in
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- It's hard enough trying not to expose our son to substances we'd rather he not become interested in without possibly taking him somewhere he can get fresh air and exercise and having to explain about booze and why people are acting as they are when drunk
- There is no practical difference between this and cannabis use in the same context so why not legalize both?
- It's so long overdue. Get with the times. I enjoyed my time in London, England where it's allowed in all parks.
- I would be worried about violent behaviour or others getting too drunk and disturbing others
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- Nooooooooooooooooooooo please don't allow liquor in public park.
- I think it's a great idea for responsible citizens.
- If were allowed to consume then we should be allowed to remove our empties or partially mt bottles. Store them somewhere in the car where we're not going to be charged for having an open bottle in the vehicle. T2A-0W6
- See above.
- No consumption of liquor in park allowed
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- Consumption of alcohol or any mind altering substances in public places is not my cup of tea
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- No concerns. I believe people who would consume alcohol to excess in a park would do so regardless of the bylaw. Allowing alcohol in parks will just provide people more freedom to enjoy time with their friends and family

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- Crime rate increase
- It should be monitored closely when first introduced to ensure nobody abuses the rights, but over time it will provide a positive impact kn our community, and its drinking culture.
- Enforcement will be too infrequent, slow and ineffective
- Concern of drunk people loitering
- No
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- Very concerned. Liquor consumption should not be allowed in parks
- I want to be clear that my tolerance for alcohol consumption in parks does not imply any tolerance for pot smoking in parks. This should not be used as precedent to relax pot laws.
- By allowing alcoholic beverages the user experience is impacted as reduced spaces in an already growing city restricts non drinkers access to a clean family environment.
- I think it's not a good idea
- No
- Just ban liquor in public parks where families come to have fun.
- None.
- All above in reply of #2
- They would need to be properly policed and cleaned. Hopefully no broken glass for kids to fall on or vomit.
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- It shouldn't be allowed because it will create chaos and lot of issues. People shouldn't be allowed to drink in public places especially where there are children.
- No
- I would just like the police to be patrolling on a regular basis
- Dont allow
- It should not be legal at all
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- Nope
- If approved, I would like to see signage about disposing of empties, responsible behaviour and no drinking and driving.
- No
- More patrolling

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- It's happening anyway, might as well accept it and make it legal.
- I am concerned that alcohol use would only be allowed at the paid for sites that require booking. I want to be able to bring a beer to a picnic at the first come free picnic tables in the parks.
- This is a ridiculous idea and more that the City is wasting money even considering it.
- Wastage of public funds.
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- I feel this will have a negative impact due to inappropriate behaviour and drinking and driving.
- This is an excellent idea
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- It'll make my job harder.
- It should not be allowed and picnic sites shall remain family and kids friendly.
- It is dangerous
- I fully encourage the city to approve this bylaw.
- By adding additional types of picnic sites and permits undo restrictions the city will be forced to dedicate resources that could better used to improve other services.
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- I believe we should not allow consumption of liquor, because of not benefits for communities
- The rowdiness would still need to be managed. People getting carried away would still occur, but that would be the only concern.
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- Cleaning the parks after picnics.
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- Seems counterintuitive to the tougher drinking and driving laws, etc.
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- No
- Yes definitely. Doesn't mix with recreational activities or promote a healthy environment for our children. You can already smoke pot legally, smokers are everywhere and reek. It's not necessary. It's just a money grab.
- Only if tourists or drunks end up being an issue in National parks, city parks i'm less concerned about.
- This will be one of the stupid decisions if this happens
- yes
- No liquor allowed

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- Yes. alcohol consumption should not be allowed.
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- It would be advisable that these sites are towards a side so majority of non consumer can still enjoy
- No
- no concerns
- Wastage of public funds.
- We have always had to deal with inappropriate conduct in the parks. There is no reason to expect that picnics with alcoholic beverages will result in excessive drinking. We need to drink/drive/behave responsibly but banning alcohol from parks is not the way
- No
- People do this anyway, so why not make it legal and profitable without the hassle of CPS having to put manpower towards the law breakers
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- I have all of the above concerns
- No
- Yes, all the ones posted earlier. Please do not allow this for the interest of the whole community.
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- I have never seen any problems with it in places where it is legal and most people who would abuse it are those who would drink in public regardless of its legal status.
- No
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- yes, A LOT. why should liquor be allowed in a public space where kids are exposed to it, and the potential harms such as people drinking and driving or being more likely to engage in negative behaviours. We already face such issues without allowing it.
- Is dangerous choice it must be not allowed consumption liquor at any public place
- I think it's a great idea and unlikely to result in a rise in unacceptable behaviour. Other countries allow it will no issue. People who are going to cause trouble will do so regardless of whether it is legal to drink in he parks.
- Calgary is an orderly city. We would not want to see it go away.
- Make a clear rules regarding that, make a limit of consumption for each person
- Think about kids. We should respect religion. Driving and drinking will happen a lot
- No
- None.
- No alcohol anywhere we spend all summer at bow ess and edworthy i wont gonifnits gonna be. A bunch of drunks ... I have 4 kids
- Relax the archaic laws, thank you

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- There's a lot of countries around the world that allow this.
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- Yes
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- I would not be happy seeing people abusing this, getting drunk, or even worst, driving after drinking over the limit.
- I think designated area should allow the consumption of liquor and potentially smoking
- No
- You can manage the liquor consumption by designated site. But you can not manage the people to move out of the designated site drunk.
- It's a stupid decision
- DON'T DO THAT
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- Not good for city, will increase cost for safety and city will have more crime
- Na
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- No.
- I think with the launch an emphasis Should be placed on responsible consumption and what legal limits are so people can be safe
- My reply is as same question #2 ticked off boxes
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- We have enough places where alcohol can be consumed and do not need to venture new options.
- They should not be allowed
- I think it shouldn't be allow in picnic areas
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- If we allow liquor in Parks we will be going towards the destruction
- Liquor is being consumed in parks, but a bylaw which permits it, allows people to consume legally.
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- Whose going to police this ...ie watch to make sure you eat with your drink / what qualifies- a bag of chips, or a full meal? Who decides how much is too much? Who will fund the extra policing? How are people getting home? Whose checking drinking age?
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- No Cannabis or alcohol in public parks!
- Increase in drunk drivers
- Please keep our city safe.
- The same concerns you've mentioned above
- Don't do it . We all will regret it!!!!
- The last thing we need in this city is designated drinking areas to add more issues for the city's law enforcement to deal with.
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- I believe that extra can/bottle recycling containers ought to be installed at these liquor consumption sites as to prevent them from becoming full of litter. Extra patrols by by-law officers may also be necessary to prevent people from getting too rowdy.
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- Shouldn't be allowed
- It would be nice to enjoy a beverage or two outdoors with friends and family gatherings
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- No
- Nope.
- Public / family safety
- It will effect our safety and all kids safety enjoying in the park .
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- Kids will be exposed to alcoholism in younger age. It's threat and safety concern to the public.
- We don't need liquor to have a picnic. This is just asking for people to abuse it and then there is the worry of people driving home after drinking. Seems like the City is encouraging this.
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- My reasons were listed at the top in the previous question.
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- What next? More \$ to taxpayers to pay for security, cleanup etc.
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- Yes, parks are the family place. Don't covert into bar.....
- I do have concerns allowing alcohol at picnic where we have kids and different type of people who may have an issue with it. Let's keep at bars , home , etc I am not sure what value the city will add to the public by providing this service !
- Littering
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- Yes. It will limit my children from running and playing freely
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- Abuse of alcohol at public sites.

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- Tourists would love this.
- Many concerns: The parks are forenjoying nature and relaxing. Please keep them peaceful by NOT allowing liquor in any park.
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- Just feel there is no need to have to consume alcohol. Park is for family use .
- I strongly believe it shouldn't be allowed.
- Alcoholism can be a learned behaviour and teaching you children and adults it's ok to go drive to a park with friends and family and then drink is sending the wrong message. if my mom can't smoke there then my dad can't drink there
- I don't understand the goal behind allowing public drinking in parks
- Yes it should not be permitted
- No
- No
- People go to park to relax , Walk and let the kids play not to be worried about their kids surrounded by drunk people .
- Liquor consumption should not be allowed in parks or picnic sites
- Please don't let this be something that runs calgary's beautiful parks and poison the environment
- Park for families and people for enjoying and peace not an other disturbing place.
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- We should have beer gardens all summer in Princes Island park. The one during Folk Festival is amazing.
- I think by allowing it you take away the seediness or dark factor about it. Most people think it would cause problems but I have rarely seen that in other parts of the world that allow it. People do it anyways hidden now
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- Can you just imagine how this would be controlled. Investigating the age of consumers dealing with inebriated attendees. More money needed for safety officers etc.
- Yes I won't feel safe visiting the park with my children anymore
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- Excessive drinking shouldn't be allowed
- You allow Cannabis, Now you allow liquor, Things are going out of control.
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- Some may have self-discipline and consume liquor in moderation but some would take that right to get drunk in public that might put children in an unsafe environment.
- Model this as best as we can after German 'Beer Gardens'.
- This is a slippery slope, let's not go down this route
- I don't believe this is a good idea as it will have a spillover effect on other parts of the park, it's amenities and the general child-friendly environment. Enforcement costs may increase and might reflect in our tax bills
- It is a very bad idea and has more negative attributes than positive.
- No
- Not at all.
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- Liquor consumption in parks doesn't provide good environment for family picnics
- Drinking at a picnic site would be no different than drinking in a restaurant. This is an awesome pilot program.
- If you want to improve our lives a little just keep it simple. If the idea is to employ a couple summer students and collect some change please don't bother.
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- It must be prohibited
- I think it would decrease the feeling of safety at picnic sites if liquor was allowed. I would still book picnic sites but it would really bum me out if our experience ended up being affected by people under the influence of alcohol.
- This is not what the parks are intended for. People are not capable nor sure be trusted to adhere to moderation. Who would police it? Surely CPS and By Law officers have better use of their resources. This is absolutely not a good idea.
- No
- No concerns.
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- no
- The benefits from such law is not even comparable to the harm it will affect children to threatening other people's lives and getting police involved, while we have a big lack of police capacity to deal with road accidents alone, add to it this. No need

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- The rules re: meals will be virtually impossible to enforce for the public who experience disorderly conduct from over-drinkers in parks, forcing families to abort outings... Also, let's be real - enforcement will be slow, ineffective and expensive.
- I'm extremely worried about this. How in the world can it be regulated. Food or not- people will most likely drink what they want. Long day, sun, many drinks...you are just asking for issues with drunk driving and safety issues for the general public .
- Yes, will it start soon enough?!
- Like drinking and driving is not bad enough. Let's add the burden of dealing with drunk people in the park. That's really smart!
- Take into consideration bathroom access
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- Parks should be maintained as being geared towards the public. Children should not have to see liquor being consumed and drunk individuals may ruin the atmosphere of what is supposed to be a green space.
- It's very bad in public space
- liquor should be at home only not else where..
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- Allowing alcohol in public parks is a great idea, and long overdue.
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- I think it's something people are doing anyways. Making allowances for it will decrease enforcement costs.
- I have mentioned my concerns earlier.
- Please don't allow liquor at picnic sites.
- No
- Not really other than it should be allowed in all parks.
- Safety, disorder, uncontrolled behavior, damage to environment, kysay goes on.
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- Yes after drinking many people don't remember where they are and it ruins the environment
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- I have never been to such site.
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- Prefer for parks with nearby or frequent patrol of city bylaw officers to ensure safe consumption and no drinking and driving or floating.
- No good at all
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- I would just like there to be plenty of recycling containers to return the containers and avoid broken glass on the ground
- Danger increases for all
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- Drunks leaving there litter behind, and the image it leaves on kids.. it's ok to drink out here but god forbid keep the weed hidden. What a joke.. double standards?
- Just do it. It's worked in Europe for millennia.
- I have never been to such a site
- It should be allowed everywhere.
- I believe that it should not be restricted to picnic sites. Liquor should be allowed anywhere in public in my opinion, so long as one is not drunk and bothering others.
- Nothing more than was mentioned above
- Please don't.
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- Why to advocate such foolish idea. Everyone knows drinking is injurious to health. Simple.
- Increase in crimes and drink and driving
- Countries all over the world allow it. We as a society need to learn to drink in moderation and not binge drink which is what Canadians are known for. Relaxing laws might allow for more responsible use.
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- Consumption of liquor should not be allowed in public parks.
- I'm very concerned about the circumstances that will arise as a result of allowing alcohol consumption in parks
- I would be fine if Calgary police would patrol parks for public intoxication
- No.
- I think you should allow liquor in all parks just like in Europe.
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- No. It makes sense.
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- Please stop doing this stupid thing, it cause so many problem for us and for our children. There are so many other problem in city please focus on that stop this action.

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- This is a really bad idea. The parks are a place where you go and enjoy time with friends and family. You do not need alcohol to have fun in a public area.
- NA
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- I'm not comfortable with it because I've seen too many people overdo it, get obnoxious and leave messes behind. I'd like to see parks stay safe for kids.
- Na
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- People not behaving in a responsible manner
- I'm not agree because it will increase the crimes and the parks become unsafety.
- No
- A pilot project would be a good test of the concept.
- This is crazy! Parks are supposed to be safe for kids and for them to be safe from seeing alcohol or stepping on glass bottle that is not properly trashed. I also don't feel safe seeing drunk people at parks with young kids.
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- I think we have so many bars so don't find any valid reason to allow liquor in park.
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- Let it happen. Make it so. Treat the citizens of Calgary like the responsible people we are and let us enjoy living in the city!
- No.
- nope
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- My concern is the respect and taxes to pay in humanitarian projects.
- Yes, there are plenty of existing and appropriate venues to consume alcohol... Keep it out of our outdoor family spaces and parks
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- Small things like changing this bylaw help our city become known as more progressive and tourist friendly. No open container bylaws in Europe draws a lot of attraction.
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- No liquor consumption at picnic sites in parks.

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- There would need to be more patrolling of parks and potential cleanup in the case of broken glass.
- I don't want to allow any alcohol in any park.
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- I think Calgary is a family oriented community especially in public places such as Parks. Liquor will cause many issues, littering and I don't believe this is acceptable around children.
- No
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- What is going on in the world people are going MAD
- It will increase safety concerns
- Parks usually have young children present, it would not reflect nicely if they see consumption of liquor.
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- Damage to the park/environment Not allowed, our kids sefty comes first
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- It shouldn't be allowed
- I will be worried about my kids and all family members. Don't know how drunk people react or start doing some inappropriate stuff in front of kids, it's Rubbish they shouldn't allow liquor in public. This thing only can create stupidity and bad exposures.
- Yes should not be allowed at all
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- Has to be commensurate
- It would be great if the city took an evidence-based approach to this policy rather than a puritanical, normative approach based purely on assumptions and the values of some.
- No
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- It should not be happening.
- It is not good for our children which exposes them to liquor consumption
- as a health care professional, I strongly warn against this disastrous notion and condemn it.
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- It's about time.

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- Put a time limit, no one should be partying in a park past 11pm. More recycling bins would be great. It would be nice to have a spiked iced tea or beer in the park once in a while and it not be illegal.
- Yes as above
- Liquor should be drank in designated areas like ones home or the club etc. Public places should be kept free of liquor just as other acts are not meant for the public. It's respectful of others not to drink in family areas.
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- No liquor should be allowed.
- Not suitable for public places
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- Liquor shouldn't be allowed in parks.
- Legalizing public consumption would free up police resources for more serious crimes.
- I do have concerns about an increase in broken glass beer bottles. I think the consumption should be at adult baseball games as well. However, there will always be a few idiots who will drink and drive while intoxicated.
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- I am against it in all ways.
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- Shouldn't be allowed
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- I think both liquor should be allowed in all designated picnic sites. I also believe cannabis use should be allowed in designated areas.
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- It shouldn't allowed in public places.
- 1. The preface should indicate how many people were asking for this review. without this one only assumes this is another 'make work project' with little reason.
- What's the big deal with allowing liquor? liquor laws in North america are far to restrictive. Plus, people do it already, might as well make it legal
- Parks is place for families and children to take fresh air . They have many places for drinking liquor why you expose children to the danger
- Much of Europe allows liquor consumption in the public, and statistics don't really show any negatives. We should follow suit.

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- I think that it doesn't go far enough. I realize that it's out of the City's control, but public consumption of alcohol is an accepted part of most cultures around the world, and even here in our city.
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- Not in areas that have open water such as Sikome Lake
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- I think it's worth trying out. Other provinces in Canada allow this. We have laws in place against drinking and driving & rafting, public drunkenness, littering, I think those laws are important and are there for a reason. Perhaps no liquor after 10 PM?
- The risk of disorderly behaviour and driving while drunk still remains there. Furthermore liquors have their own smell that ruins the idea of a park with nature.
- Yes, it shall not be allowed
- So many to list. Irresponsible and disorderly behaviour, will bylaw be monitoring consumption? A little is even too much when there are kids around. And most picnic places have many many kids around. Such a bad idea
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- No
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- Please modernize the laws.
- Individuals might drink in the designated area but they do eventually use other public facilities in the park. Intoxicated individuals will access public bathroom and be near playgrounds. Drunk driving kills.
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- I really like this idea but I'm sure someone is going to ruin it for everyone else. I'm also worried the parks could get trashed.
- More conflicts More impaired perso
- No, being a nanny state is more harmful.
- I don't know how it would be regulated. You know there would be people that would abuse it.
- Why people should stay at such a place when their brain doesn't function due to drunk.
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- There will need to be a stronger police presence to oversee. Not to question everyone but just see.
- No concerns.

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- It could effects law and order situations and could ruined the fun of the people who gathered for the picnics.
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- It will increase tax payments as need more cops on the streets
- The government says" stay safe and we don't want high rates of crime " and they are legalizing everything (bad) harmful.
- There should never be any consumption of alcohol taking place in any parks since one of the goals of parks is to let families enjoy some greenery. Thus parks must always be family friendly spaces
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- no
- parks are for kids and we tend to take them there to be active and enjoy fresh air. there are enough places for liquor consumptions and we need to keep our parks safe from it.
- No
- Parks are for families and kids to enjoy thier time with thier family not for parents or any person to get drunk then what s the use of the park ? For the view !!!
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- No
- could not be policed hence a 'no' policy is the only option
- Shouldnt be allowed due to above mentioned points
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- Safety and environment is major concern.
- Should be allowed. Many European countries allow liquor in public with no issues.
- This should have been done decades ago. Europe has a much lower level of overconsumption, and it is due to the fact that they do not commercialize, and add mystic to alcohol. This is one step in the right direction.
- There r so many children at the park! Let this be a family area.
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- Yes millions of reasons. Not to have liquor at the park keep it at your home
- Not allowed
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- Bad idea
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- It's ancompletely unnecessary endeavour.
- Its a big safety concern for the family with kids and uncomfortable situation
- Don't allow liquor in parks.
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- No
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- Not supporting this as its extremely unsafe.
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- This is a really poor idea and this is from someone who drinks and is far from a prude. When I go to a party or bar I know what to expect do not want that behaviour in the parks
- Yes we have concerns and have strong reservations against liquor consumption in parks
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- No
- There will be more problem
- Do not want it in public places.
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- I think is too many thing to worry about and is not good for the public in general
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- While I have good faith, I would like to see some bylaw officials circulating to ensure people are being responsible.
- No
- Why ruin the peacefulness of a lovely park with loud drunk people, probably music & profanities? I think this is a ridiculous idea and whoever came up with it must have nothing better to do! Who is going to police if people are sitting at tables or not?!
- You shouldn't segregate 'drinking only' sites. I think you make it ok in all or none.
- Europe has a more social and open atmosphere because they don't put rules on anything. Going to a park in Copenhagen, we had a drink, made some new friends and didn't see anyone drunk and disorderly, but it sure made us happier.
- Please reconsider this proposal. I don't believe allowing alcohol consumption would benefit Calgary residents.
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- Lack of enforcement, negative behavior, children being exposed to such behavior and the concern for safety with water activities and driving upon leaving the park.
- I am not in favour of this idea
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- No
- Yes this should be limited to pubs only and please don't spoil family friendly environments. I would really appreciate it.
- Great idea. Let's go!
- No.
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- Please don't allow alcohol at the parks leave it at the places where no kids allowed
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- Do it
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- The picnic site at our neighbourhood park is right next to bike paths. If people are tipsy or drunk they could seriously injure a cyclist or themselves if they step out onto the path. Also, I don't want my kids exposed to drinking in public.
- Garbage
- Safty
- What I don't understand why having adult taking over a children area ! only consume liquor? there are so many places that they can go and have whatever they want for ex bars sports area even in their own living room they can enjoy liquor so why Parks !!!?
- I dont want liquor to be allowed at park sites for many reasons
- if we allow liquor then we destroy our upcoming generations.
- I understand there are rules already in place to prohibit public drunkenness or disruption, so no
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- It shouldn't be allowed!
- They should not be allowed. They can cosume at home
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- No
- Picnic sites in parks are meant to be enjoyed by all citizens, and I strongly believe that allowing liquor consumption hampers this right. It also encourages public intoxication and drunk driving.
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- We spend enough time being dictated to. It's sad.
- If there is alcohol
- That will be out of control
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- Parks are public areas. They are not established liquor license businesses.

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- Yes
- Not safe for public and not suitable for the family and in front of the kids and minor
- There would have to be an efficient way to monitor for under age drinking.
- Of course kids at park dont need to see it
- Parks are very family friendly attractive places. We want it safe for our kids.
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- Yes I have concerns about this proposal becuase the parks are the only healthy and safe environment to enjoy for children so why we make a decisions that damage this nice places.
- Public intoxication.
- As per above
- No.
- How was this not already a thing?
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- That homeless/drunk and disorderly people will ruin it for the rest of us.
- Only concerns as noted above
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- Unfortunately there would be too many people abusing the privaledge.
- What's next ? Drugs and prostitution??
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- Drinkers could be danger for children and other
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- Bad idea
- I have a feeling that you will have instances of excess that get out of hand. if this does happen regardless, at least have more bylaw officers ready to enforce rules.
- I think it should only be allowed if the park has staff on site to make sure people don't disturb other family or kids. Ensuring a Quiet and friendly environment.
- I think it's a great idea
- Disorderly behaviour, mean drunks and where there is alcohol, pot will follow. Don't want to be around either.
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- Safety, behaviour and environmental issues will arise more frequently.
- Allowing liquor consumption in Parks will drastically decrease the safety of the children
- It's not a good idea as these are family places
- This is opening a wide range of problems and safety concerns
- Stupid Idia

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- Picnic sites are mostly visited by families with young kids whom should be protected from the exposure to alcohol and its related issues.
- I used to live in a country where consumption outside was allowed and I do not want to see it here.
- Don't charge for it! Make it allowable in all parks. Responsible drinkers should not be punished. We have laws to deal with the few that may cause problems.
- The have check marked my concerns in answer to p previously asked question.
- Please see question 2
- I have already stated my concerns under No. 2 above.
- Noisy, drunk, intoxicated, ...
- Those parks will be isolated from normal access.
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- Liquor consumptions shouldn't be allowed at designated picnic sites in parks for safety concerns. driving, children will be exposed to liquor consumption and unexpected behaviors from liquor consumers.
- To be honest I thought this was already allowed.
- Parks are for family no need for liquor there
- Not to be allowed at all.
- No
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- Should not be allowed. Go and see what happen in bars and night clubs...this should not be in public.
- Shouldn't be allowed
- Just please offer recycling and garbage recepticals!!
- It is a scary idea.
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- Should be legal anywhere. This is a good baby step.
- Drinking and driving. River riding. Kids.
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- I think that if liquor was allowed then there would need to be greater patrolling of the area by law enforcement to ensure that everyone is behaving appropriately and to fine if people loiter.
- I can't believe this question is even being raised, sheesh!
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- liquor use should be restricted in public parks.

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- Only that it still needs to be consumed responsibly. In a public area where minors are present there still need to be guidelines in place to ensure drinking isn't excessive and obnoxious and that all people can enjoy the space safely.
- Concerned about people's behaviour when they are drinking. Offensive language can be a big problem. Having young children, I would not be pleased to have a group of rowdy drunks next to my picnic site.
- The parks should keep showing the rules. Forbid disturb behaving and reinforce bad behaviour.
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- Not at all
- Don't like it
- This is one of the most idiotic ideas I can recall hearing from the City. Its right up there giving consideration to allowing the use of chicken as comfort animals.
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- Please make sure there are enough blue bins close to the sites, and litter or broken glasses are cleaned. I would be worried parks will not be kept clean.
- No, not really.
- This will be chaotic in many ways. Children and adults will be at risk. This is supposed to be a family friendly place and not a place for alcohol and drunks.
- I'm mostly just concerned about irresponsible behaviour. I know 90% of people would just enjoy a beer with their burger, but I'm not sure it's worth what the other 10% might do.
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- It would need strict bylaw enforcement.
- Alcohol is the beginning, what next Cannabis! People need to understand that its illegal to consume alcohol and drugs in Parks.
- Stupid idea
- I'm concerned about people abusing g the privilege, drinking too much, getting loud, rude and spoiling the fun of others in neighboring sites.
- Yes, it's going to increase unsafe behaviour
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- There is concern about people abusing this and getting intoxicated but those people ate properly doing it illegally now anyways
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- Yes, no parks should ever be allowing liquor
- No concerns

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- I don't think it should be restricted to designated sites or tables only. How is drinking a beer at a picnic table more responsible than having one sitting on a blanket on the grass or leaning against a tree?
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- Parks are for public access, a place for activities, not for alcohol consumption.
- Against %100
- Should never be allowed
- This will give parents, the community, & the police of course extra worry, complaints, & work. We will need to hire someone in the parking lot to do a breath test for park users lol. If smoking is prohibited in public areas why would liquor be allowed?!
- Don't allow liquor
- Disorderly behavior, exposure to children under the age, damage to parks, and behavioral changes will be harmful as well as intoxication causing bodily harm and potential death via drunk driving or rafting.
- No
- No - we are well behind the times in allowing alcohol in parks.
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- Broken glass. It would be nice to have a no glass policy.
- I think it is way past time to permit someone to have a glass of wine with their BBQ. Just like I can at home.
- Nothing good can come out of Liquor consumption. Picnic areas should be a nice place for families to enjoy. People don't know what they are doing when they are drunk.
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- Plz don't allow it.
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- I do not vote to have liquor consumed outside homes.
- Yes same as mentioned in question 2
- Shouldn't be allowed
- Parks are for family fun, and alcohol is only for specific adults. Let's keep all the areas of our beautiful parks family friendly.
- As above. I don't want open, public liquor consumption in front of my kids. That's not what I pay taxes for.
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- As above.
- No LIQUOR at PUBLIC PARKS

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- Parks are meant for families gatherings and kids to play and move in our short summer. We don't want parks for drunk people and the increase of unpleasant behaviors. Please approve it. Let them go drink in bars
- It has very least recreational causes. Whereas consumption of liquor will limit the educated and sophisticated citizens of Canada to go out in nature or parks . It's benifiys are very less than it's benifits. Children , pragnant women, old people ll not
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- please don't turn our parks into pubs
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- Not in park even in designated site.
- A lots of concerns, don't see any benefit.
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- Leave family areas don't mess with family time and gatherings.
- Lots. How will it be regulated? What about disorderly behaviour? List goes on and on.
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- Would be great if this was allowed so people can have a beer w/o feeling like a criminal. The people that want to be drunk in a park are already doing it. (And so ate the people who just want a beer with their hotdog)
- Yes u will even more stress on our emergency serrvices police ambulance and firefighters
- See above
- Not necessary
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- If some one is very intoxicated it could lead to behavior change
- Some spaces shouldn't be left as safe places for families. By park with playgrounds does not need alcohol.
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- No concerns if parks are properly set up/ monitored in terms of cleaning up after yourself, ensuring there are enough recycling/ garbage bins, and that no individuals are being drunk and disorderly (which is already a law in place)

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- Everyone is already doing this. Its not a big deal
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- Yes. People, more specifically families, of all ethnicities and beliefs go there. It would be insensitive to many to allow for this as many would no longer feel comfortable visiting parks, which are there for ALL to enjoy.
- Concerns indicated in above questions.
- My concern is that abusers with skew the results of any pilot. Rules for excess consumption should be clear. Blatant public intoxication and disruptive behaviour should be dealt with accordingly.
- Everybody drinks liquor at them picnic sites already
- I think it is a smart law. Every responsible person who drinks shouldn't be punished because of what a couple undesirables might do. Punish those who act inappropriately, but let the rest of us enjoy our beautiful city the way we want to!
- Many people drink at parks as it is and just conceal their drinks or don't care. People who cause a problem by being belligerent are probably already the ones doing so in spite of the current laws, or are more boisterous group even when sober.
- Let law enforcement focus on more pressing issues.
- Why not? The people who binge will do so anyway. Don't restrict the freedoms of those who will behave responsibly
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- Law or no law An adult will consume liquor hopefully discreetly
- Please don't do it!
- 1. Alcohol impairs judgement, some people don't know when to stop. 2. Alcohol disinhibits people - they do things they otherwise would not. 3. Alcohol causes a lot of harm to our society, impaired driving, Fetal Alcohol, violence, cancer
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- Please dont
- I really hope alcohol will be permitted
- I think liquor consumption in public areas such as parks should not be allowed.
- Increase the volume of tourism.
- I think it would help Calgary be a more vibrant city.
- It has been allowed elsewhere for years. If it increases the use of parks, in a respextabke manner, why not?

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- Large penaltues for leaving alcohol containers out
- No
- I think it is really harmful for our environment. A person needs to stay vigilant when they step put of their houses. I believe if liquor consumption is allowed When someone doesn't have control over their choices you are creating a dangerous situation
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- It's impossible to control the behaviour of others especially if they ate under the influence. Is a major safety and enforcement concern. Or would require additional cps resource to no monitor and enforce safety.
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- How would you handle for impromptu sites thst weren't booked but someone uses the site and has alcohol, beside someone thst booked it.
- It should not be allowed.
- Yes I do not support that liquor should be allowed at picnic sites.
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- Yes ! Pls leave at least picnic area safe and environment place . After consumption liquor their is no saftey will be for children's and adults . Even make a clear boards in picnic area no liquor allow bcz of own protection and be a good citizen
- As long as people know to tidy up and an appropriate amount of recycling bins are present, then I see no issue.
- It shouldn't be allowed to be near kids at all costs.
- My biggest concern is safety of others. I guess I just don't trust that people will behave if they are drinking.
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- All the dangers of being drunk in front of kids and public
- We already have much problems with alcohol consumption. We would prefer to continue having a safe and friendly environment on public parks.
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- City should make the use of it strictly prohibited at all public places.
- I think it would be a great idea because it gives people more options when planning gatherings and they would also get to experience the parks more than if they could only drink at home.
- Open alcohol is hard to enforce and low risk. It should be legal to unburden authorities.
- Liquor should be in non breakable containers to minimize risk of broken glass injuring anyone
- Consumering liquor shouldn't be allowed at all at picnic sites.
- That will increase and encourage crimes especially between kids

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- I think this will be a bad move. It will be harmful to the community and will increase misconduct. Also underage drinking will increase.
- It creates only problems for our society
- Pls don't do this. Thanks
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- It should not be allowed because it is going to affect the access of people like myself.
- Safety risks .
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- People will be more insecure due to drunk and chances of fights will increase , resulting more police involvement and increase city's liabilities
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- No
- Alcohol consumption in public places is legal in many parts of the world, I think we should get with the times.
- Should not be allowed.
- Nothing more than what I disclosed above.
- This should not be legalized there is no safety aspect of it for our children or the community.
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- Big safety concern
- Parks is a safe area and family environment place therefore there shouldn't be any liquor allowed. It promotes bad behaviour and it's dangerous for the kids and old people. Nobody would feel safe at parks anymore.
- Should not be allowed Period.
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- Big concern. It can affect other people, communities and environment.
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- Yes. I will never be able to take children to such locations.
- Personal safety
- Totally against it
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- Alcoholic drinks have specific places that are allowed to be sold in, not in public areas with children
- It is bad. Causes loss of mental control. Drinking must never be allowed anywhere in public.
- No. Just that the NIMBY's will shoot it down
- Adults should be allowed to be adults.
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- As mentioned before I am not in favour of the consumption of liquor in public parks. It is known to harm the brain development of children and has been deemed to be unsafe for them. I will not be comfortable with my children going to places with liquor.
- I'm not ok letting my kids see others drinking and driving after, or getting drunk and have a strange behaviour because of the high levels of alcohol
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- No
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- It's a great idea!
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- Perks will no longer be a site for families of all faiths and culture to enjoy. Not everyone consumes liquor and the harmful effects of this decision will cost more than the revenue generated. Pls don't allow liquor in public areas
- liquor should not be allowed
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- No floating if drinking.
- Its absolutely absurd, it shouldn't be permitted in public places.
- Terrible idea
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- I causing damage or harassing other park patrons but this can happen even without alcohol use..
- No
- As long as people know to tidy up and an appropriate amount of recycling bins are present, then I see no issue.
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- Yes bcz it will give exposure of alcohol to kids
- Please don't allow it
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- Is against my belief and is not appropriate in a setting where people of all ages come to spend a day especially families
- I don't want liquor in any park
- It should be allowed as of concern in point 2
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- A park and a picnic site is a place where mostly families and children go and it should be a place where every one should feel safe. Safety of others may be compromised by any one who gets more intoxicated by consumption of alcohol.

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- The big questions are: Who were these parks made for - alcohol business or families?
- Kids should be safe and having fun in the picnic site only. there is lots of other places for liquor please do not allow that in the park
- Amounts should be limited. For example a half bottle of wine or equivalent per attendee.
- It would become highly uncomfortable for people who dont drink to go to parks. And a very bad impact on people who also want to go out and enjoy in the sun after the long Canadian winters
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- I think like anything there will be a few bad eggs but I think we can come together and prove we can behave.
- It creates unsafe conditions.
- No
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- Please allow it!!!
- Parks are for kids and families its not a place where people can come and drink and exhibit disorderly behaviour as people cannot guarantee they will be contain the consumption and be in control
- It have so much negative impacts as mentioned above in point 2
- good luck policing drunk people in public parks. the city can barely control it with bars and private spaces. we still have lots of people being stupid and reckless in public while they are drunk.
- Of course, I see alcohol in public a huge threat to my kids safety. You selfish people are taking our freedom, our safety, our last resort to raise our kids away from seeing alcohol and drinking from us. I am about to cry. How can you even discuss this.
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- Liquor shouldn't be allowed in All picnic sites
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- There is a lot of concern about this topic so we hope it would not work
- It does concern me that behavior may be more disorderly around children, so perhaps increased bylaw presence in areas where this is allowed.
- I just can't fathom how alcohol is permitted and weed isn't. Alcohol should be on the list of illegal drugs. People transforme in to violent, idiotic troublemakers when they drink. How is this allowed and not weed?
- See above
- No
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- You would have to hire security for the parks as it is difficult to control behaviours due to over consumption. Parks are for enjoyment and recreation for all ages. Alcohol would change the whole atmosphere especially for children.
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- All concerns mentioned in number 2 above.
- All of the above
- No
- I do not agree on this.
- What is going on, you are putting Canadian at easy access to alcohol and cannabis.
- Only concerns would be random homeless people abuse the system and drink everywhere at the picnic sites and cause troubles.
- Ensure adequate disposal options and clear signage
- It is time to repeal the laws regarding responsible liquor consumption in public. Calgary is hardly progressive compared to other cities and countries.
- Liquor will only impact the parks negatively
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- no
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- no. it should already be allowed.
- People already do it. This helps people with avoiding criminal records of drinking in public..
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- I think it is not a good idea at all for society and everyone. There should be no liquor at parks or picnic sites
- It will be dangerous
- Worried about people drinking and floating the river
- it has many harmful effects
- Only worried about those that spend regular time in the parks (especially downtown parks) that could abuse legal liquor consumption (Princes Island, St Patrick's island). The homeless or drug/alcohol addicted population
- Please ensure recycling bins are located nearby for easy disposal of containers!
- No I don't I have traveled the world and been to many countries that allow drinking in public and it has been great with no issues
- A lot of concerns, safety is the biggest
- I would highlt favor against allowing liquor ar parks as this could affect the stability
- Please do not allow drinking outside of one's home where they are safe and unexposed to many more hazards. People may think its a good idea until they get erratically harmed. By then it will be too late to regret your decisions. Thank you for reading this

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- I totally disagree. It's would take a major fun activity from my family and kids so others can enjoy a drink that they can do in bars or anywhere else. Totally wrong to do.
- Yes
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- Yes, who is making sure drunkerds are not running around throughout the park and kids are not exposed?
- One of the reasons I no longer use parks is the disruptive activities of many that use them. Especially on weekends or when weather is hot. Maybe better to designate PARKS instead of picnic sites within parks.
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- No drink
- Having wine or beer with a meal outdoors can be very pleasant and civilized. If this is handled right, then it could be a nice enhancement to our city. Unfortunately, how could we ensure that disorderly drinking is avoided?
- The government needs too step up and start acting like one ? Stop giving younger generations especially the choice of cannibas or having drinks at the park , where really just the definition of park really is for kids being able to have fun.
- Children who witness such behaviours are prone to repeat them. We all agree liquor is not beneficial in the long run and certainly not beneficial to kids. Any such bad influence could corrupt young kids before they have decision making capabilities.
- Should not be allowed at public places especially where babies and kids are present
- This should never be allowed.
- Please save our kids and young generation from this.
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- Its a silly idea. Parks are places for family and friends. Liquor is not necessary and will alienate some of our citizens
- Big concerned. If city allows while knowing the disadvantages we'll stop visiting those picnic sites.
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- Liquor consumption should not be allowed in parks as it will cause various problems. Parks are for families where kids play and are considered safe. Liquor should not be allowed in such places
- It not healthy and not modern in allowing liquor consumption in public area
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- I think you are opening the door to a slippery slope. Drunk driving, injuries, broken bottles, etc
- Yes. All the above stated concerns apply. It will put the public safety at risk. There is no benefits except harms and
- Liquor will destroy the peace & enjoyment in the park.

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- It is a park, not a bar
- No
- It should not be allowed in public places.
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- If this happens, it would be very disappointing for me.
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- It should never be allowed as parks are specifically for kids and families
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- Assign dogs out of leash parks as liquor parks. The sign on park site could state: Out if leash liquor site, and show a drunk dog image d
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- I believe that inherently when give an option people will more often do what's right than what's wrong. Alcohol related problems are still gonna happen with or with it being legal maybas we'll allow it and generate income less taxes
- Next move would be marijuana
- Must not be allowed in any park or public place.
- As a non-drinker I dislike having to deal with people drinking. I can easily do that by not going to bars. I don't want to have to deal with drinkers in public.
- It works in many other cities without causing anymore issues than we already deal with now.
- It's not safe for others because most of them are not in senses . I think parks will not be safe after this .
- Drinking at outdoor bbqs, fishing spots, or parks should be allowed to support the usage of parks and outdoor areas.
- Plz try not disturb safety of the families in public areas of the city for a minor group of people, they can drink as much as they can in bars, houses and any function that allows that... plz keep the public area usable for all
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- Be sure to provide proper recycle bins.
- Consumption of liquor is equal to increasing crims
- No thanks
- Completely ridiculous to even entertain. People will still sneak around and drink, so let them....don't encourage it or make it acceptable. Not necessary at all. People can picnic and party with alcohol in their own family or friend's backyards.
- Continue to police those who are disorderly, but the vast majority of adults can make an educated decision to have a drink or two and be just fine.
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- Who's gonna give surity if someone consume little more liquor and remain in designated ?

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- It's unsafe for kids.
- I've traveled to countries that allow public drinking, and I have never seen any problems with it.
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- as above...no need for liquor in parks...no benefits to anyone and allowing liquor could result in several problems and concerns.....rowdiness, children exposed,
- Yes , we have enough liquor places everywhere in the city and don't introduce it to youngs please.
- Riff Raff that already drink anywhere they want (including including in the streets downtown) will use it with impunity
- Why promote alcoholism?
- No
- It is not even allowed in Christian religion at any place.
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- No
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- Should not be allowed
- No
- Unruly behaviour , foul language , indecent actions are all too common in those consuming liquor. Please keep our parks safe for our kids which they visit for such short periods because of the weather. There are enough bars for adults to consume liquor .
- It's totally unacceptable
- It's a BIG no no!
- No
- If people are responsible, this would be an amazing thing.
- It's time we start being able to be adults all on our own!
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- It should be in all sections, as these parks are already being treated as such. If we legalize only a portion of parks, my concern is the cost of enforcement would go up compared to keeping things as is, or wholesale legalization.
- It will cause more trouble
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- It should remain banned. Period.

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- No concerns. Adults are the only ones drinking legally. As adults, we should be treated as such to be responsible for our liquor consumption as we are in every other space we are legally allowed to consume liquor. We don't need RCMP babysitters.
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- No
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- Yes, many people can not control them selves when they start to drink. We should be wise and prevent our community from lots of trouble that will be caused from drunk people in puplic especially in the best places for kids to be at summer time.
- There is no need for this, there are plenty if existing places where liquor consumption is allowed. Those who wish to consume go there. Why should use if a publicly funded park require dealing with those who are drinking?
- Drinking in public area will cause more anti social behaviour
- Big concerns. Disorderly conduct. Altercations. Drunken behavior. Pissing in parks.
- This is the mother load of bad ideas.
- Not a good idea
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- Let the picnic areas be don't change anything
- There's no benefit at all in alcohol, why allow public consumption when there's only a negative side to it.
- I work in trades and on a daily basis I see people bend rules around safety etc when they don't think authority is watching. My suspicion is that people will treat this change in the same way. Do we want to also spend more to police/enforce this change?
- Sounds reasonable to allow alcohol as part of picnic. Should be possible anywhere people picnic providing people remain under control (and if not that would be another matter)
- No liquor consumption in any parks
- Yes
- No
- No liquor at all!!!
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- Bad idea
- I believe it is foolish to implement this rule as it is not reflective of Calgary's values
- yes, I'm not in support of liquor at picnic place. Because there is no guarantee that people stays & consume liquor at designated place only, not behave disrespectfully and loose their control.
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- No
- People do it anyways, go to the US...its widely accepted in many places
- Not a good idea
- It should not allow liquor on picnic sites or public area.
- No.
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- Should not be allowed in public especially in front of children
- No liquor consumption at the parks should be allowed
- What about people who are alcoholics? Just having the smell can create cravings. Why do this to people.
- Thank goodness this is finally being seriously considered.
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- Liquor shouldn't be allowed in public parks.
- Who would control alcohol in parks? There are no resources to do that. Bowness Park for example is full of open drugs now. Pretty much destroys a healthy fun time or walk in that park.
- I don't think it is necessary. I can go to a restaurant, bar or home to enjoy a glass.
- You can do it in Quebec and there is no wreaking havoc at parks, so let's get with the time and allow it.
- None. Liquor is already being consumed in our parks in much more dangerous ways.
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- Good idea, only small number of designated sites.
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- Not safe for anybody
- It should not be allowed at picnic sites to avoid disorderly behaviour, drinking and driving .
- Liquor consumption in parks increase the risk if safety.
- No concerns
- This will create more harm to the future generations
- Yes I do. There are lots of places you can go to drink, bars etc. at home. Leave the outdoors free from alcohol.
- As per item 2 above.
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- No
- Picnic sites are welcoming different citizens. Different by their culture or religion or by thoughts so it's their right to be respected. For who are ok with liquor consumption, I think they have enough places . Parks are virgin natural spaces so keep them

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- Nope, everyone does already so would not be any change.
- yes i dont think its a safe environment for kids n parents will be concerned all the time that the children are not harmed by anyone who is not in their sense by drinking alcohol
- I dont think it's a good idea to encourage public drinking. Then encourage public pot smoking too while you're at it. No. Drinking should be contained not in public spaces.
- People are not going to respect that. It's basically unenforceable.
- We are all adults and should be under the assumption that drinking will be happening g anyways. At least with this option you will know when and where it will be occurring.
- A drunk person whould not understand his/her behaviors, others especially children are at a high risk of dangerous and violence.
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- It should not be allow
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- As long as people are otherwise respectful it should be fine. Those that don't care about the rules are probably already drinking and misbehaving...
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- It increases crime.
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- No. Get with the times.
- Only that we restrict it needlessly.
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- Liquor is the actual, legitimate gateway drug. It has no place being around kids;normalizing such a toxic behaviour.
- We should allow it in any park, not just picnic sites
- I grew up in Europe and find the liquor laws for public consumption rather archaic here. This would be a huge step forward.
- There are places where people can consume liquor outside- your deck, pub patio, festivals, leave the parks for family fun and not have the risk of exposing kids to drunk, obnoxious, individuals, have an opportunity to explore the outside without liquor
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- May as well just pass it, everyone does it Regardless, they just hide it.
- I think it would be a great thing for our city. People are doing it anyways but this just opens up doors.
- It's a commentary on society that people feel they need alcohol to be able to fully enjoy the lovely parks and outdoor recreation opportunities in Calgary.

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- Yes see above
- Racism. Liquor brings the worst in some people.
- Parks are mostly visited with family with young kids and they do not need to be exposed to adults who are high.
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- Not safe for public especially for kids and families
- Please make it a money making process
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- Yes, with the money going to added security in these parks.
- It will promote more citizens to use city parks.
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- Ensuring proper disposal units were onsite would be ideal.
- Our families and kids safety
- My concern is safety of people who are drinking and not drinking both
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- Liquor consumption should not be allowed at picnic places.
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- yes, idont feel safe
- Stupid idea. If it is required set up a licensed establishment in the area.
- This is a great first step. I look forward to a future where alcohol rules are relaxed to the point of being similar to Navada's.
- No alcohol
- Please don't do it. It's bad for families.. Picnic areas are a safe place for families so please keep them safe and clean.
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- See above
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- None if alcohol consumed in moderation.
- no
- Only that some people may get disorderly and disrupt other picnickers
- Parks are for families clubs are for drinking . Keep this garbage away.
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- I think it's a poor idea and is along the same lines as the scrapped cannabis consumption sites. Keep liquor in private residences and pubs/bars etc, not out in the open public.

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- I am very for this, and consumption in public is one thing that I have enjoyed in Europe and I love the culture that goes with it. I am concerned about parks turning into drunken spaces.
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- Cleaness. Whoever use the picnic site, we make sure to collect all garbages for next user.
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- Yes, i have selected my choices
- No, not really. People who want to be idiots when they drink in public will door so regardless of whether it's public consumption is permitted or not. At a bar, is unacceptable to act a certain way when drinking, and this standard will apply to this.
- Having drinks in parks in Australia and other countries is possible and helps to create a social atmosphere. I never saw public intoxication in these public parks even when drinking was allowed.
- Public parks are a place where we can feel safe without the worry of a drunkard ruining people's day. It can bring many bad behaviors to parks where children are.
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- There are many pubs for this purpose then why parks are being used for this purpose.
- Smell of alcohol. People discouraged to go to parks.
- Should not be allowed
- It needs to have a restriction on how much alcohol is allowed. Although I know that would be difficult to monitor.
- It's should not be allowed under any circumstances.
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- Proper education is required and rules have to be clearly stated
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- Yes please respect other religions and communities as it is forbidden for our own good our own health
- It's time we shed the bible belt mentality in this province. I can consume a drink in my apartment then head down to the park to eat my sandwich, so it isn't a consumption issue it's a "what if a child sees me drinking alcohol" issue. Watch TV sometime!!
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- All of my concerns regarding liquor consumption I mentioned above. No more comments
- Please don't allow
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- Yes, people getting out of hand and careless especially when managing a pet. If that pet got out of control owners could have a argument which could lead to god know what and how bad. People ast differently with alcohol in their system

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- It should be allowed at any park
- Disorderly conduct and damage
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- Public intoxication is a major concern
- Don't change everything to money as in question #5
- i have no problems if a solid program is in place with simplified ruled
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- My main concern is being around drunk people in the middle of the day in a public place , we are so grateful that for the passed few years we enjoyed being with family members and friends in public parks without the problems that comes always from drinkin
- No
- No.
- This is nothing more than the most incompetent council in city history trying to score some cheap brownie points.
- Please don't allow it. In my opinion it will cause harm in the society.
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- Liquor consumption at public places should be discouraged.
- Parks are public places for old people , children and families. The city's responsibility is to provide the safety for all citizens. By implementing this decision the city is deliberately putting vulnerable tax payer citizens in danger. Marijuana and alco
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- Its not safe for parks environment and people out there
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- Public notices and compliance would need to be monitored, though again, I have seen sites in poor condition from unsafe fire and bbq use, littering and water balloon use.
- Yes. Increasing irratic behavior, violence, drinking and driving, drowning
- There is always a group or individual who gets out of hand when liquor or drugs are introduced. Recipe for ugly scenes and property damage.
- It's not safe and people may damage the city property. Drinking and driving will increase which may result in potential accidents. More drinking, more problems, more resources need to address those problems and ultimately tax increase in the name of serv
- I don't agree with this idea.
- Recycling bins need to be present
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- No I do not. People who drink and drive will do so regardless of where they drink. As well, people who conduct themselves poorly will also do so regardless of their venue.
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- It's forbidden to drink, crimes will increase when allowed in public.
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- No I hope the city makes it legal though
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- This change would make parks in calgary an unsafe place for families
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- the safety of the city will be affected if it is allowed to drink in parks
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- Nothing that isn't already happening in public anyways. Increased public engagement, responsible enjoyment, frequent patrolling are all positives.
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- My main concern is that it might lead to more relaxed marijuana public consumption rules. I'm not against marijuana but I don't like the smell, especially around food like a picnic area.
- No, in many countries in Europe people drink alcohol in parks
- I don't see a need for consuming alcohol in parks
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- No
- Marijuana should be discussed In the same manner if this is the motion. Concerns, drunk people start fights and DRIVE
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- i dont think it should be allowed at all, lets say it is at a certin area that does not certify that these people who may become intoxicated will not walk around and act inappropriately, and put themselves and others at risk and wildlife
- What are kids are going to learn how to get drunk ?! I think we are going to be worst then America.
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- Not safe to everybody
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- Big concern as per my experience drunk people might fight or misbehave and curse as it commonly happens in calgary transit ...
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- Promoting alcohol consumption in public parks is a dumb idea and is an accident waiting to happen. Not a surprise that G. Cara is promoting this after his failed consumption site proposal. If you want to drink outside, do it at home.
- No
- Yes, this was never allowed and shouldn't be allowed, nothing will change except people being intoxicated in public parks wasting our tax money for by law officers and more clean up
- No
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- It's not something that I feel strongly about and there will eventually be an attempt to allow pot smoking in the parks too.
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- This is a good step in the right direction. Please legalize liquor consumption in city parks.
- It's already happening, may as well be out in the open.
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- No
- Calgary stands far and beyond this. This is not what Canada is about! Alas! With all respect to what people like to drink in their own private space! NOT IN PUBLIC SHARED NATURE
- If we allow this soon it would be allowed every where and soon it would be allowed teen agers to drink. What is wrong with our society we have other issues to solve and they r worry about drinking in public. Just pathetic
- For most people, this is a responsible social activity.,
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- Safety concerns for the drinkers and others
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- Alcohol consumption impairs the brain regardless of the amount. Once it is consumed that person has automatically become impaired to a certain level. Why chance mistakes waiting to happen?
- Do not go forward with this....
- no
- People will never follow rules and it would ruin the peaceful and relaxing atmosphere of the park that people come to enjoy
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- If the city need to raise funding, or make money, there are many other better ideas, let's keep Calgary one of the highest life standards world wide.

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- I think that it has to be consumed with food is silly , and I also think that there should also just be designated spots within the park that is not just for picnic spots but for people that want to bring a blanket and relax in an area
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- We have enough challenges- don't need more.
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- Allowing liquor in parks is asking for drunk and disorderly behavior, it will happen and then can and high potential of fights. Plus it will attract street drunks and drug addicts to kid friendly areas
- NO
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- I would like to understand the rational why this is even being considered for a pilot project. Makes no sense in my mind for a variety of reasons. Quite simply I see the risks outweighing the return on investment.
- Smoking is banned, why bring alcohol to the parks.
- Should never be allowed.
- None at all, don't see Europe having any issues and they all love parks
- Yes; this is a move resulting in endangering our society and moving us backward
- It's a poor and very irresponsible idea.
- None
- Yes, there will always be those who will over indulge, leading to possible fighting, vandalism and drinking/driving
- Should not be allowed.
- It shouldn't be allowed period there is absolutely no need for it
- No.
- Unruly picknickers exposing children to obnoxious behaviour and language.
- That restriction apply to ensure it is picnic type event
- Drink responsibly
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- Over drinking / more chances of drink n drive / un safe environment
- does some one in the group have to hold a proserve? Who becomes responsible for overconsumption?
- I don't appreciate the consumption of Liquor in picnic sites
- No Comments
- We all have homes to do our drinking & there is no need to get drunk or drink at a park

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- Allowing this opens the door to allowing Marijuana...
- You cut the police budget so dontbdo this. You'll need cops at all parks to monitor
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- I don't think this is a good ideaand will encourage more bad behavior in public parks. Police and bylaw officers do not have time to enforce this.
- No
- Should never be considered. Let families enjoy parks. There are enough exposures to addictive substances in our world. We don't need it shoved down our throats on a sunny summer Saturday.
- I do not agree with liquor at park because we have kids I don't to give her liquor please think about everyone before any thing.
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- Allowing this can encourage a lot of unforeseen behaviour. Once we allow liquor, how can we assure that everyone would drink responsibly. We can expect to see a lot of fights, verbal quarrel, inappropriate behaviour, irresponsible decisions etc
- Not a good idea.
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- I believe that the people of Calgary are good and responsible, and should have the freedom to try this. It it causes problems them take it away. But try it first. Happy people make the city better
- Bad talk and odour
- yes, as per above
- It's a really stupid idea, MADD and other groups are trying to discourage drinking and driving and the city of Calgary is more or less giving its consent. There won't be enough man power to enforce any laws.
- Over consumption and being loud or fighting I a huge worry
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- Yes - garbage thrown about; disrespectful behaviour (people can't be respectful when they are sober , alcohol never helps).
- We now have marijuana legal let's leave something clean and innocent!!!
- yes, I have many concerns
- Should not be allowed
- Yes I have alot of concerns as I mentioned above!! This is a very stupid idea which will only cause more problems for others!!
- Please just let us get used to the legalization of marijuana first!One thing at a time.Lets see how the legalization of marijuana goes over with public behaviours before we add more factors.Pretty soon we will all have to smell drugs at our picnics too...
- Public safety number one concern,city liability
- Don't do it it's not logical

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- Just unruly people.
- Please don't destroy the parks' family environment for few dollars
- I don't agree in allowing parks to have liquor
- No
- I think consumption should be kept to your own home or at functions for which a liquor license has been issued. I don't think my family needs to be exposed to alcohol or drugs for that matter if I am sitting at a picnic table of people consuming alcohol.
- People can drink at home or in bars, parks are for families, kids & people who want to enjoy the calmness. Not worry about a bunch of people drinking & as we all know can get out of hand.
- The parks are for calgarians to enjoy the nature, not for people to consume liquor. If they want to drink, do that in their house or a pub.
- It is not a good idea. Alcohol is not allowed in Federal or provincial picnic areas it should not be allowed in municipal parks. Drinking then driving? Who is responsible for accidents etc? The city? Who polices this? Just say NO!
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- Calgary will lose its good position as a family friendly city, rate of crimes will hike.
- How would this be monitored? Surely the cost of extra police and security could not be justified. If the thought is to increase taxes there will be an uproar as we are already so over taxed! It's a ridiculous concept that needs to be quashed immediately!
- No concerns (other than noted above) regarding liquor consumption.
- I think this is an excellent idea and will allow bylaw officers to focus on more important concerns than policing drinking at picnics.
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- I'm afraid there'd be more drunk people in the park which would be a hazard and a safety concern to teenagers who often like to hang out in the parks
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- Please Gian-Carlos Cara and the rest of city council, how about refocusing on real city issues - finding ways to lower taxes, and stopping your petty infighting on council.
- My biggest concern is that the behaviour of the picnickers would be difficult to control.
- Nothing that isn't happening already
- Yes, let it be safe for kids play openly and not around drunks.
- This is a horrible idea. Liquor should be consumed in private land or licensed establishments, not in public amongst families with children. It is highly likely that alcoholic transients will become a disruptive to other park users.

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- None
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- Reckless - encouraging more crime- you may as well hire more police officers to monitor this. Or wait - why don't we let our kids hang out in parks with Mickey Deesand alcohol while they sit at a picnic table and eat! STUPID idea!
- Will stop visiting all parks that allow drinking
- This should not be allowed.
- N/A
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- No
- Keep status quo.
- Yes. Why isn't the person making this idea happen City Manager? Their doing a FINNNEEEE job!
- Why would you even think of allowing liquor in public people are drinking in their homes and it's causing problems imagine in public people fighting bottles all over the place this is non sense and disturbing time to leave Calgary
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- It shouldn't be allowed for the betterment of public in general
- Glass containers are not a good idea.
- No concerns. This would encourage more people to use parks. Irresponsible people are already doing it. Responsible people would help even things out.
- Yes I do I dont think liquor should be consumed at all in any picnic sites or parks
- I feel that you are setting yourselves up for possible and unnecessary policing problems and.....I think that we have more important issues to concern ourselves with.
- In general liquors should be banned in public areas for the reasons mentioned above.
- Yes. People abusing it and getting disorderly.
- Yes
- It would be unfair and unreasonable for families who are trying to have an enjoyable time when idiots who can't control their drinking and makes it miserable for every one else.
- There's a time and place for these things and public parks with families isn't it. Please do not allow this as it would seriously impact a large demographic of people who are uncomfortable with liquor consumption, especially around their children.
- Most of the rest of world has allowed drinking in public parks. It's about time Canada catches up with world freedoms and choices
- Please don't let it happen. I am afraid of increasing intoxicated drivers in the city
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- Yes i have concerns, i feel the consumption would be abused by some, beer cans, wine bottles left lying in the park, a danger to wildlife if broken glass left.
- This needs to happen. Why burden CPS with policing something that they aren't given the manpower to control?
- Its gone negative impact on society
- Parks are family friendly places and should remain like that. There are alot of places where liquor is allowed and people can enjoy it there.
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- No.
- Great initiative!
- Not need to allow
- Stop all this ridiculous consultation over something that is normal and accepted in counties all over the world. We're not reinventing anything here. Just legalize it and move on!
- so long as the wilderness doesnt burn down and no one gets hurt sounds like a good time
- Should not be allowed
- Yes, public safety. Damage the park site and most importantly not reflecting my religion
- No
- No, I just think it's too limiting to only do picnic sites.
- No comments
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- No concerns
- Not necessary for alcohol in the parks and it can't be regulated properly
- I hope it doesn't get allowed in parks
- No consumption of liquor at picnic sites for safety of everyone
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- It is all concers mentioned above.
- Not healthy environment
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- No.
- The biggest concerns I have are; one an increase in drinking and driving. And two disorderly behaviour, such as peeing anywhere in the park if adequate washrooms aren't available at all sites.
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- There are more important things on which to spend time, energy and money.
- I have a lot of concerns. I will never go to picnic sites which allows liquor
- It is common place now.

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- Yes, this is going turn into a menace with folks over indulging and increase in disorderly behavior as well as more drunk driving episodes
- It should be allowed.
- I am concerned about drinking in public places because I'm worried about overconsumption of alcohol, disorderly and dangerous behaviour as a result of drinking too much and that regulating drinking at picnic sites is too difficult or impossible to do.
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- Make it happen. Works class cities do it.
- With public drinking being illegal, people still cause problems getting drunk at the park. If a person is behaving reasonably, they can consume liquore without anyones knowledge. If a person is behaving unreasonably, its convenient to have liquor laws.
- No
- Liquor should not allow in parks .
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- Many countries already allow for drinking in parks without any concerns or judgements.
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- It's time we caught up to the rest of the world and allowed our citizens to evaluate right from wrong.
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- Do not allow as police are busy enough with drug related problems.
- Yes, I don't want my kids to expose to liquor or see people comsuing liquor openly. I myself don't drink and don't like it to be seen in public places.
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- It should definitely be allowed
- This should be be open to all parks (ie. Riley and St. Patrick's island)
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- Answered above not necessary it give just another opportunity for people to abuse the rules and is going to cost the tax payers money to police the parks.
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- Yes
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- People should still be fined for littering. We do all need to be responsible.
- It shouldnt be allowed in the parks because its not a gd influense when people get drunk in a place where there is kids its not rite and would be very distubing ,because u go to the park or on a picnic to enjoy urself not worry about poeple getting drunk.

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- None
- No.
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- Please do not allow this. Some people are unable to control the alcohol consumption. There are other venues readily available for it and picnic sites are not one of them. Please do it for the children of our city.
- No
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- Please don't allow consumption of liquor in parks. I'm also thinking of my friends who are recovering alcoholics that would not do well to be exposed to constant drinking in city parks. It may negatively affect their sobriety.
- I have a feeling planners have hopes that alcohol would be moderately and conservatively enjoyed in parks. There is a lot of chance for getting drunk, drinking more than one should have, and the consequential behaviour issues that occur with that.
- Rename city parks "Green Pubs"
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- Please get rid of these ridiculous nanny state rules. This isn't the Bible belt. People can have a drink responsibly.
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- Alcohol is in my opinion not acceptable in outdoor public places. Alcoholism is rampant in our society and it's just encouraging poor habits and not a good example to children.
- I am totally against allowing consumption of liquor at picnic sites available for families to attend.
- Those who desperately feel that they need more places to consume liquor should get counselling
- Horrible idea but great job stability for police officers and bylaw officers
- I think it should be in a unmarked container such as a solo cup rather than cans and bottles.
- Calgary Parks are peaceful places to enjoy during the summer. Do not ruin it by allowing liquor consumption
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- Drinking always costs so many lives every year and it is not healthy. While parks are for healthy outings
- I do, because citizens who oppose consumption of liquor at public picnic sites would have fewer parks and picnic locations available to them and their families. My family and I got to parks throughout the city, far beyond my postal code.
- No
- Not safe for people

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- Not One.
- No
- Beer, wine, and pre-packaged cans should be allowed. Hard liquor is risky (can lead to the few clowns who get way too drunk and ruin this for everyone).
- Do not do this, it is bad enough now that we have legalized marijuana we do not need to condone drinking in public. I too drink but do not feel it is necessary to do so in public parks ment for families to enjoy .
- I don't want be exposed to potential bad behavior associated with alcohol.
- Liquor consumption is not safe and good for community
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- Parks are not well enough monitored at present. Went to Bragg Creek Park and people were smoking shisha which looks like opioids and the family using this stole my sketchers!
- Yes, drinking and driving.
- If liquor is allowed next could be smoking and next could be marijuana and so on....
- People that are irresponsible and abuse liquor already do so in parks. Responsible people don't drink in parks not because they would be assholes if they did, but because its not allowed. Remove the restrictions and enforce against the abusers.
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- Relaxing the drinking laws may help reduce binge drinking in youth, as they'll be more used to it and it's not a novelty when they are allowed. I also feel like people already do drink at sites discreetly, so little would change.
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- See point 2
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- I totally reject the idea of liquor consumption even in designated places on public/picnic sites
- yes.. canada is a multi cultural society and there are people who have religious restrictions and therefore should not be allowed
- It should not be allowed at all.
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- Not safe for kids saying their parents are drunk. Shouldn't be allow for driving reasons
- Honestly I don't approve of alcohol consumption in our parks.
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- Restrict it to cans and plastic or make sure you have sealed recycle bins for glass close to each site

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- Children should not be exposed to these things. There will be more careless waste thrown on the ground and in the rivers caused but alcohol consumers who possess disorderly behaviour which can be dangerous, especially around children.
- Yes I think judgey teetotalers should have to pay more to use picnic sites
- Yes! I strongly disagree with this
- Yes if there is over consumption leading to disorderly behaviours and potential for littering.
- I feel that there should be some parks that are “alcohol free” to allow those who don’t want to be near it a more family friendly option. But as long as that is in place ... booze in parks? Hell yes!
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- Yes many concerns. Let's continue to prohibit liquor in public places
- Not really
- I feel that this is a positive step forward for Calgary. Other major cities have done this and it makes for a more lively and enjoyable public spaces.
- This summer would be great! But be sure to have proper rules regulations and fines
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- Should not be allowed in picnic park . Keep it away from park.
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- No
- Picnic sites will no more be a picnic sites... Will become liquor sites
- The potential attraction of inebriated vagrants. I think any taxes and funding collected from licensing picnic sites should go towards rehabilitation programs for addicts.
- Yes a lot
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- Same as mentioned question 2
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- No
- So happy the city is exploring this. I loved traveling through Europe and able to enjoy a beer or wine in the park with friends. Would love to be able to do that at home too.
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- Not good in it

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- Not really, I just would like a focus on keeping the areas clean and for sites to have recycling available such as cans/bottles, mixed paper.
- Let people live. Extensive public restrictions on many things are a big reason why people choose to hide away at bars and clubs or in the comfort of their homes rather than enjoying our beautiful city.
- Nope
- no
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- Right now the city can't police all the rules they have....so create more....
- Just have bottle and can bins convenient to dispose them. Also the value of the returns could pay for the bin collection and a security guard to keep people from stealing them.
- No
- YES ALL ABOVE REASONS!
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- I'm also concerned about the potential for abuse from the city's side. What if someone is a little intoxicated and is walking home, and then gets ticketed for being drunk in public? With the new drunk driving laws I think this is especially relevant.
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- Liquor should only be limited to indoor as it is now. Even with how the law is now there are accidents related to drinking & driving, these numbers will increase if this becomes legal.
- I think the idea is too restrictive. I'd like to enjoy a glass of wine or can of beer in all parks.
- Noise, people who misbehave when drunk, people who don't clean up after being drunk, people are are too high after drinking,
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- Not a good social activity, also create safety concerns
- A lot of people drink responsibly, but it takes a few outliers to ruin it for those that drink and those that don't. When people are intoxicated they are not fully in control of their actions so why would I permit that in a setting where there are kids!
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- There could be too many drunk people out in public and around children, families and it could lead to inappropriate behaviour and other unsafe issues. I am not in favour of this at all!
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- I worry allowing alcohol in parks will mean increased unruly behaviour & littering; both are already problems in parks I frequent, with little evidence of any enforcement. We would need to increase \$ for enforcement. Calgary has better ways to spend the \$

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- No
- My family safety, my ability to enjoy my day.
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- If we are going to allow for designated outdoor liquor consumption we should drop the cannabis in public bylaw too because frankly it's silly. Cannabis is dramatically less socially disruptive than alcohol can be.
- What's the point? Drink at home or in an establishment.
- I am concerned about over-consumption and obnoxious behaviour.
- It should be all parks.
- Please do not let this go through and allow liquor consumption at parks. There are many families that are against this but do not voice themselves because they are not fully exposed to this, and this change will be changing that.
- Don't allow it
- It should not be allowed at all not safe for anyone .
- Dont allow
- Only considered for tax grab, unreasonable restrictions on use, over policeing
- I think it is a great idea. But I also think there are people who will abuse the privilege, my only thought is the people who might abuse the privilege are probably the same people who would just bring alcohol now.
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- more freedom is nice but it can also encourage unhealthy habits. Alcohol does a lot of damage to people's health and I'm all for responsible drinking but maybe boozy picnics won't have a good long term effect on our health and youth.
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- It should not be allowed. There is places called "bars" for that...
- Just. Don't.
- Public place should provide healthy, peaceful and relaxed atmosphere which is not possible in this case. There are plenty pubs and night club to cater the " drinkers"
- Please do not allow, park is leisure time enjoyment but it is not Bar or some place where you can consume liquor
- We don't want any trouble in our city
- I'm all for it, as long as there are reasonable patrols and obvious fines for disorderly behaviour
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- You will end up with few fights, kids abuse, stupid actions
- My concerns any one drink alcohol no safety at any public site. please don't allow to drink alcohol at park.thx
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- Make sure there is adequate recycling cans.
- Nope. Great idea. Can't wait to have a couple of pilot spaces to try out!
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- Uncontrollable parties and persons. Mostly teenagers and early 20 somethings acting irresponsible. I know this isn't typical and most would behave but it's a risk. Also increased risk of gang activity. There should be a hotline for reporting incidents.
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- Bad idea .
- After living in countries that allow this, it would be nice to do so here. It was nice to sit in a public park or square, enjoying the outdoors while being allowed to have liquor if wanted
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- Please do not allow this thing to happen. Park is an area where people wants to relax especially with their families and childrne, dont make it complicated with them
- no
- None
- The people that are going to drink and cause a disturbance in public are the ones who already do that whether they are permitted to or not.
- It is not allowed in my culture and religion.
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- I don't think this should be allowed. Intoxicated indiviuals already pose issues and safety concerns would increase. Alcoholol abuswrs would love it if this became legal but the the cons outweigh the pros.
- No need to allow in parks.. there is no need to have in any parks
- No concerns at all
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- Drinking and driving
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- Great concern
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- The authority should not approve such harmful facility in any picnic spot.
- Parks currently provide a quiet, peaceful place to enjoy nature. Turning parks into outdoor drinking places will likely create a party atmosphere with excessive noise and other negative behaviour. This would detract from the enjoyment of nature.
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- Away from playgrounds away from big family groups
- Why city wants to fix something that is not broken? Let's not make this change as nobody is dying due to current rule.
- please dont do it.
- Yes, this won't be adequate for kids and families.
- Anything which is done in front of Kids will teach kids what is acceptable limits of public behaviour. That is the reason why we even do not let them see people openly smoking in public places, now Liquor!! Public Safety in Daylight will be in danger
- No
- Why not promote life enhancing, family-oriented, healthful and uplifting additions to public areas rather than pandering to the lowest common-demoninator?
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- Stop this kind of fullness and crazy ideas to put families at riaky
- Just make it tougher on those who choose to act irresponsible.
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- Calgary needs t p
- I believe it should not be allowed
- Big concern, not good for kids n families, should not be allowed at all.
- No current problems so why change a good thing
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- Yes
- Overindulgence and rowdy behaviour; driving after
- No, quit being so square. Go visit Europe
- If you allow liquor, will it not follow that cannabis will also be used? I would be concerned with excessive drinking and disorderly conduct.
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- Maybe a restriction on the type or amount of liquor.

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- No.
- If people want to drink in a park they will find a way, and probably already have been. This just normalizes it and allows families to enjoy a drink at a picnic without breaking the law.
- It should be left to bars, sports bars and restaurants. What good is allowing alcohol into the public space when public intoxication is already an issue and this will only lead to more.
- It's about time there is discussion on this. Public consumption of alcohol was Not allowed by legislation in my grandparents time of Christian morality that no longer suits our lifestyle. At 62yrs I can monitor and accept persons having a beer.
- Yes, parks are mainly for children and they should be no where near alcohol.
- Yes see above
- maybe good start with few only
- No
- until public liquor consumption becomes more common place like it is in Europe & Japan, some people will probably get belligerent and start treating others and the environment poorly. Just look at what happens at the Stampede
- I think this is a terrible idea that shouldn't even be entertained. It's sad that people can't engage in social gatherings without consuming alcohol. Let's not encourage this mass problem more by enabling it.
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- Yes
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- I support adults and their safe usage of alcohol in the parks. Don't legislate consenting adult behaviour
- I don't like the idea of extra trash and recycling being left about. If there are enough public trash/recycle bins then that would be ideal.
- It should be allowed to consume liquor at as many places as possible so that there isn't a concentration of drinking at a few places.
- Bad idea.
- It would be fine, as long as people are encouraged to clean up after themselves
- I hope that this won't be allowed in parks and the persons who want to drink have the full right to do so elsewhere as they wish.
- Drunk driving and litter

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- Yes, drinking in front a child in my view is not correct. Second of all parks are meant for children not adults. Adults have bars and clubs to go to drink. Please do not bring drinking to a park where little children would be exposed to. Thanks!
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- Increase the scope of this inquiry. Liquor and cannabis should be allowed in public. Focus resources on real crimes.
- Yes, as it is related to drink and drive
- Bad, bad, idea! Whoever thought of this did Not think of the big picture and not being realistic. Drinking and driving. Drinking and walking. The mess that gets left behind; eg. garage, booze and broken glass! Nothing good about this, and I drink some.
- Parks are the great place to be with kids in summer especially after the calgary long winter. Allowing the liquor in designated sites will limit the options for families who don't support the idea.
- Safety concerns and discomfort for non drinking people
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- Not allowed in my religion. Also bad for the health.
- None at all. The overwhelming vast majority adult citizens will be able to reasonably enjoy an adult beverage without any issues.
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- Please help us to be safe in Canada
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- Didn't even know it was not allowed until this survey
- No - Treat people as adults
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- I hope that after this trial it can be expanded to other sites
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- Ordinary citizens shouldn't be punished for the possible behaviour of a select few. Having more options for entertainment and leisure in this city can only be a good thing.
- no.
- Why is this even being considered after the new breathalyzer law?
- It's not needed to be allowed at picnic site.
- If I want to drink, why do I need to go to picnic. That is stupid
- Awful idea
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- I'm concerned over littering and drinking and driving

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- I truly hope the city's park will remain the same as beautiful clean and safe environment for everyone. Liquor should always have its own private place away from parks
- Alcohol Must be prohibited
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- Concerns: Children expose to seeing liquor use and any disruptive behaviour that may lead to. Drinking then driving or swimming!
- I can see this being a problem as this could potentially be a permanent gathering space for homeless people who spend all of their money on liquor. Large parties could also become unruly. This would make my family and I think twice about visiting parks.
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- Abuse of the privilege by immature and obnoxious people
- There will be no change in amount of consumption or amount of disorderly conduct. The only change will be an increased police presence.
- I know the idea is that people will be allowed to have a glass of wine with food for example but it will be hard to police.
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- People just need to be responsible. Have designated drivers and don't act like fools.
- The behaviors this could create in a public place where kids are, where there are more more places to hide- well I would rather it stay as is.. People who drink will drink anyway , no need to open doors for encouragement
- No
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- I'm excited for this possibility
- No
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- No
- The only concern I would have is that the unruly few would end up ruining it for the majoritu
- People react differently when they drink , and we do not want to be worried thier actions in front of our kids.
- Bad consequences will be same at designated or non designated parks.
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- No liquor
- No liquor
- It is dangerous for childrens

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- Do this now, give us freedom!
- Not overly.
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- Liquor should never be allowed anywhere in any case plz.
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- No liquor in public park
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- it won't feel safe. i will not be able to attend any picnic parks knowing someone may be drunk and could possibly not be in the right mindset. bars allow people over the age of 18 only for a reason. it will open the doors to more problems in calgary
- No liquor
- Strictly not allowed at all picnic sites in parks
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- no, if people act up, then they should be fined.
- As long as there is some type of supervision for those who become disorderly I don't see it being an issue.
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- Healthy environment that will be sabotage
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- Litter and disruptive behaviour. There would need to be more police presence.
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- Downright disappointed that the city is leaning toward approving this. Yes - leaning toward approval. The wording of the questions in this survey, when analyzed, indirectly indicate the city's stance on this item.
- Not a good idea. People will feel less safe, more cases of drinking and driving, harassment of others, disorderly behavior in public spaces, and increased potential of damage. I wouldn't want my kids to see that in public spaces.
- Not at all
- No
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- No.
- Proper receptacles need to be provided for clean up.
- forward thinking, i like it
- With food is a good idea but one bag of chips can be split a long ways.
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- The current system (no liquor) works well already.
- I am a social drinker but think that regulations regarding consuming are fine as they are. Virtually a pub on every block where one can have a drink if they need be. Keep it out of parks please!
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- I believe this is unnecessary and an added cost that is not needed for tax payers
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- We have enough establishments for all alcohol consumption why the parks???
- It will lead to bad exposure on underage teens, children and lead to unsafe habits in public areas
- No, I believe people are responsible. Those who are not, already drink or smoke in areas they are not allowed in as is.
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- Less policing of the public leads to more responsible citizens
- It is dangerous.
- Possible waste/garbage left behind after a group consumes too much
- Yes - liquor should be consumed in enclosed areas NOT in public areas like parks and on the streets.
- Yes, we have enough problems with people without drinking in public .. think about all the animals that have been hurt
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- I like the idea of trying it first
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- No.
- It makes the park dirty and sometimes people do not watch their liquor intake
- I don't think a park is a place for alcohol. There is a time and place for everything. Drinking in a park promotes drinking and driving. An accident looking for a place to happen!
- TAKE A PHEBISITE. NO LIQUOR SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN ANY public places where children are allowed below 18. It takes away the liquor law where 18 yr age is the cut off for taking liquor. Teens will have a free pass to drink in parks as no supervision is required.
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- Responsible adults will govern themselves accordingly
- none
- Picnic sites are considered public area where City of Calgary has an obligation to protect entire people who use picnic park area
- I think it happens already, by outlining the responsible ways to consume we're increasing freedom. I also like the teaching opportunities it provides to my children - we only have it with food and only 1-2 so as not to become drunk in public!

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- I think a great idea to do this. The idea of doing a barbecue outdoors with beers and sharing with friends it's something that each of us should be allow to do. However, fines a charges should apply to those who damage the park or environment
- You should have done this previously.
- Yeah does anyone in government actually believe that people don't already do this [removed] all the time? People are cool with it as long as it doesn't get too loud and crazy.
- Please don't do this. Keep our city safe and child friendly.
- Safety concerns
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- This is a bad idea. Liquor and other drugs consumption should be kept away from public places.
- If it is allowed then it needs to be clearly marked so people can avoid it if they like.
- I think there are loads of people who could handle this. Sadly loads more would probably wreck it. Leave the parks alone. Leave the laws.
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- No
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- No
- Garbage/recycling- strict pack it in, pack it out policy.
- No
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- I am concerned that homeless people may try to take over the space. I guess if you have someone to monitor the feed you could avoid that.
- It's about time
- Public places are shared with all, shouldn't be allowed Liquor, it can create problem for non alcoholic people, probably one benefit who drink but have lots of other concerns .
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- I am worried about litter.
- No
- Please dont this.
- If allowing liquor is not wise inside schools then it's not wise to allow liquor where kids are primary users.
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- Only concern is the garbage afterwards, but with appropriate disposal areas I feel as if this wont be an issue.
- Our police are spread thin enough without giving them even more work to do. We don't need increased fighting and violence in the city. There's enough of that already.
- Yes there will alot drunk people.some will start going to park at night time after hour when bar close
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- Allow it across the board
- Yes. Increased children exposure risk. Increased road safety issues.
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- No, it is this way all ober Europe and people do it here anyway, they just hide it
- Too hard to police. People change when they drink. Why ask for trouble. People can go to bars or stay home if they HAVE to drink. People should learn how to have fun without alcohol. Sends a bad message. Why would we encourage potential bad behaviour??
- Yes, people would be exposed of to kids
- If you can drink then you should be able to smoke too.
- I don't see why it is necessary. People can have fun without alcohol involved. Introducing alcohol only increases risk and doesnt add benefit.
- Yes. It might increase rude behavior
- No concerns. I think this could help localize where public liquor consumption occurs and encourage people to do so responsibly. I also think this would be great for the city to help citizens get more out of the many amazing parks in the city.
- It all cases its not safe for any one
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- Other cities around the world have drinking in public allowed and see no problems with this. Montreal, for example, allows drinking in public spaces, however, food must be consumed.
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- All that has been selected in Question 2.
- My biggest concern is my kids safety at park. By allowing alcohol city of Calgary discouraging lots of family to go to park. And enjoy the picnic.
- 2 things, having "Billy Bob drunk pants" acting like a fool and ruining it for the rest us well behaved tamed drinkers. There are people who don't know the meaning of a social drink.
- I feel like this is a great idea and a move in the right direction.
- Yes, safety issues for both the person who drinks & the people around them. Cleanliness of the area as there will be people who would get drunk. Children's exposure to alcohol, drunk people.
- City should not be promoting a behaviour that has absolutely no benefits but in the contrary has proven to be injurious to health even in small quantities

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- Huge concerns! This is a bad idea! You're also discouraging restaurant businesses around the city by doing this! Good luck collect enough property taxes from them!
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- not enough police currently to address distracted driving, how will you possibly enforce drink/driving after a picnic in the city park?
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- We are all adults I'm sure we can handle having a drink at a picnic without getting drunk
- No liquor
- People need to be responsible and pick up their garbage same as any camp site.
- No
- Education on moderation and expected behavior.
- Great idea!
- There will be those who are not responsible with their liquor consumption and I worry that a few bad apples will ruin the opportunity for the majority of responsible users
- Yes, I'm concerned younger populations will get drunk, loud and disorderly in a family setting. Also concerned about increased likelihood of predatory behaviour of a drunk male vs a sober male
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- Yes
- This encourages drink driving! What's next? Smoking pot in parks too? You people are insane! Can't believe my taxes help pay for stupid surveys like this!
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- Most disgusting decision to start with, just making it legal does not mean it is safe. Girls/ women are bullied on roads, now with this law it will be so very unsafe in parks for little girls as well. How much will parents supervise? A lot of stress to sane parents
- No
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- Increased risk of violence or verbal abuse. Increased noise issues. Increased risk of broken glass.
- Yes. It will become like camping in Alberta parks: listening to drunken louts and their music. Also, liquor will result in aggressive behaviour. Do city police have time to monitor?
- They have done this in Europe for years so it is about time we can have here.
- The parks may be needed to be monitored by police more closely
- Health and safety also drinking. What our young kids will learn
- No
- If allowed, increase police presence.
- It's a bad idea
- It is happening and whoever doesn't drink will not do it regardless

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- I stated my concerns
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- I'm wholly in favour, it would be great to see Calgary making some progressive choices that compare with Europe. I would like to see it apply to more than just picnic areas though.
- No
- No
- No.
- Put trust in the citizens. You might be surprised. Like when an employer puts trust in employees, better work ethic occurs. I think citizens deserve more credit for behaviours. Society puts rules in place out of fear. This law won't change current issues
- Yeah. That the parks will become busy.
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- Good idea - I agree it may come with some challenges - look forward to hearing more. Thank you for asking for input
- No
- Twice it happened with my friend when she was young she was at the picnic site with parents someone was there he was drunk. She was playing and he came forward and start yelling on her. That time she was 6 years old. Got scared and started to cry.
- I am sorry to say, but I don't think that a lot of millennial Calgarians are mature enough for this privilege.
- Please keep alcohol out of park
- Don't want it
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- Dont pass this bylaw please
- consumption of liquor should not allow in any park. If someone wants to have liquor they can do at their house but not in public places.
- Homeless people/ addicts getting out of control
- No liquor in public places please
- More simple issues with litter, illegal parking and medical first responders at full capacity. Conflict between non drinking members and those that don't. Kids at risk of seeing bad behavior and likely swearing. More smoking and potential pot use.
- nope
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- Yes.
- No

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- Ridiculous. How will it be controlled? Bylaw, police? For the average person or even family, having a beer with lunch would be no biggie. But you can't say it's just for those folks. How would you control getting "drunk" in a public place?
- Lots of people already drink irresponsibly in the park and the laws are not stopping them. Those who are willing to book a site are much less likely to cause a significant disturbance compared to what already occurs.
- EMS will have to work much more!
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- You'd need to added a recycling bin to be accomidating
- My only concerns would be drinking and driving which not much can be done at a city level, and broken glass so I'd like to see glass bottles limited/banned.
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- Nil
- I think it's such an amazing idea!
- I really only see this being a good thing for the city
- Why are we even considering something like that?
- It doesn't make sense, it's just going to cause more drama and headache for the city considering all the problems that will occur because of this. Parks for mostly for families and their kids. It's always family events, why ruin that?
- It's already happening. Regulate it so it isn't hidden. Obviously public intoxication is still an offence.
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- No
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- I am concerned that people will drink and then drive. Litter of beer cans, wine and alcohol bottles.
- Safety of children
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- 90% of the time the patrons of "allowed liquor picnic sites" will be respectful of others and the space, but it will be the 10% that I will be sat next to, next time I go and try to enjoy a picnic site!
- I'm absolutely I'm favour of this pilot.
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- No
- Enforcement would be impossible if you have rule like "with food" it needs to yes to alcohol or no. Otherwise it will overload bylaw court with nuisance tickets

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- If we're being mature adults what's the issue. Let's be real most of us are already consuming alcohol at these site as it is.
- no
- No
- Please don't take away our freedom to enjoy nature while being worried about someone being drunk. Enjoying nature and the environment is our right, consuming alcohol is a choice and not a need or an urgency
- People already do it so [removed] off
- This is going to cause more problems than it's worth: public intoxication, trash, ruined picnic areas by drunken people, possible unsafe playgrounds, ruined infrastructure, liability to the city, how this works with AGLC guidelines
- It a big danger for our kids, community
- No consumption in any public place
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- It's public place . Should use as family site . People wanting to consume liquor can go to club
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- Explained
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- There are always people who will abuse the system and may drive under the influence.
- Because you can't fix stupid and that is how some picnickers will behave.
- It about our kids future. Allowing liquor in the park will not improve anything. More drinking and driving risks
- I want to say that I enjoy consuming alcohol at home and / or restaurants/pubs but do not see the value-added for bringing this into public parks. Policing this will not be feasible or consistent for overworked police (ex: issues with rafts on the Bow).
- I enjoy dining in pubs and licensed restaurants. However, I go to parks for a different experience. While some people drink responsibly, others become less inhibited (e.g., they become noisy, offensive, careless, etc.) They can ruin the park experience.
- Na
- As long as the same monitoring happens, and there's a number we can call if things DO get out of hand that doesn't involve 9-1-1. Obviously drinking and driving would be an easy call, but park bylaw officers should be called first if it's a small infracti
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- I don't believe there would be a large increase in folks becoming disorderly while drinking in a designated space. I believe those who would abuse that privilege are probably already doing it without a rule change.
- Everyone is responsible for the conscious use of whatever they are taking.
- Not a good idea
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- No
- Should not need to be designated picnic sites.
- Big hazard to all
- The socialization of liquor consumption is going to be perpetuated even further with allowing this. Citizens of Calgary should be able to enjoy ALL public parks without having to see, hear, or be disturbed by liquor consumption.
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- Don't allow liquor at picnic sites under any circumstance
- Long overdue
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- I don't agree with people doing Marijuana, alcohol, smoking etc in public. This should be kept away from children as much as possible and old folk shouldn't have to be scared
- More police will be needed to enforce this. People drinking will be detrimental to a nice family outing
- Extremely bad idea
- Creating proper campaigns about the consumption of alcohol and teaching people to enjoy it in a responsible way
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- I think public consumption of liquor should be allowed everywhere with no restrictions. Liquor laws are outdated.
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- It's completely unenforceable, and adding more bylaw officers isn't the absolute. That's extra money and creates a less welcoming environment.
- I think it's a great idea to legalize it, then you can control it. You see people drinking in parks now, if it's legal they wouldn't have to hide it and officers would be able to monitor.
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- Absolutely! We walk through NGP daily, usually late afternoon and early evenings. We see alcohol consumed and dope smoked. We see litter and disregard for the park by these users quite often. The most respectful users are the foreigners who don't consu
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- This study should be expanded to allow drinking at all locations in parks. Some people like to drink while having an actual picnic sitting on the grass. This already happens, time for the city to catch up.

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- It should never be allowed. By allowing this the crime rate will definitely increase
- No
- I do not think it should be allowed
- Maybe ban glass like beaches do
- No
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- I just don't think it's a safe practice, and I think it will disrupt the peace of our parks and picnic sites.
- I'm concerned the uncultured, paranoid people of this city — who always vote for no change — will stand in the way of this even becoming a pilot project.
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- I like a good drink as much as the next person but opening up public spaces to alcohol consumption only invites a whole host of problems
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- as long as people behave responsibly they should be able to do what they like.
- Very bad idea encouraging liquor consumption at public places, opening the society to more rude behaviour, more drunk drivers on the road, increasing alcohol consumption leading to medical issues
- Liquor in a park is just a bad idea and I think we should ban public smoking too especially in parks.
- Proper disposal should always be available
- I think this is a great idea to allow it in designated areas
- It increases the risk for kids and teenagers to consume alcohol. Alcohol consumption will increase accidents caused by drunk driving and it is a matter of public safety.
- Citizens are drinking in public places all the time. Tailgating at the stamps game. Hockey players having a beer in the parking lot after a hockey game. Hardly ever hear of any issues. I don't have any issues with liquor consumption at a picnic site.
- No comments
- No.
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- People who do not like others drinking should move elsewhere
- Open liquor drinking will cause safety problems and put life of others or innocent in danger. Hence, it is not a good idea certainly.
- This is difficult to enforce, but a limit for consumption should be implemented. No more than 1-2 drinks per adult, and increased numbers of recycling bins.
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- Concern is about public safety
- Public drunkenness is definitely a concern. Also the new liquor laws around the ability for police to come to your house to ask for a breath sample is a bit concerning as to how that plays into this. I like Montreals bylaw for this as a model.
- I think we have to remember this is to cater to responsible adults. People who abuse alcohol will do so anyways. A valid concern might be people drinking before floating in the river.
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- It might lead to increased public drunkenness at first but long term, I think it will level off.
- None. Just make sure you have sufficient garbage and recycling bins to accommodate the increased park use.
- I think most people are responsible and allowing liquor consumption at a park will go unnoticed. If people want to 'party' they will not be choosing a picnic in the park to do so.
- No
- No
- It should not be allowed. People and families can enjoy public spaces without alcohol.
- In addition to the concerns above, I would be concerned with the amount of garbage being left behind. I would also be concerned with people drinking and using the public bbqs.
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- Nope. This is a good idea. Those that don't like it, don't need to drink in parks.
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- Nope!
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- I'm concerned our children will be exposed and have access to liquor. There's a reason why restaurants that serve liquor only allow patrons 18+. We need to maintain that
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- I support it!
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- It will be far to expensive to police the parks. As anything else there will be some that will get out of line .
- No
- although I like the idea of having a beverage at some points. I have severe Emetophobia and actively avoid public intoxication. I also spend a lot of time in parks with my child, and would feel uncomfortable with people drinking around us.
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- Restricted hours (afternoon)
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- Bad idea!
- More unruly behaviour and safety for our children. There will be no controls over consumption amount and some ppl may take it to the extreme. Who will patrol or manage them if they get out of hand? It will end up costing the city more money to deal with
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- Refer to No. 2
- Drink on the street, drink in the park, drink under the crowchild overpass - drink everywhere
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- I think it is not a good move. The side effects largely outweighs the potential fun expected.
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- Would be concerned about potential for transients to abuse/misinterpret
- Liquor should be consumed at Bars and Home Only.
- Its been done in Montreal for a long time and its lovely to see people out enjoying themselves during the summer
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- Drinking may be done at home
- I believe, if used responsibly, this would increase the use of our beautiful parks.
- There was a loud a clear message on cannabis, in my opinion, alcohol is as equally unwelcome due to the potential downside. Parks are for families!
- I don't think it would be any different than it already is, people just hide their liquor if they want to drink it now anyways
- Not allowed
- I'm sure there will be responsible drinkers who advocate for liquor in parks. Unfortunately, there will always be a few who would ruin the outdoor experience for everyone else. Allowing drinking is not worth the inevitable impacts.
- If people want to drink alcohol, it is my opinion that they have sufficient options already without needing to drink in public parks.
- Major concerns about safety of our children being exposed to this substance and other substances
- I think it's the stupidest idea I've ever heard
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- Don't allow it, why introduce something that is not necessary? We are all good as is now.
- See no. 5

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- No
- We are sending these surveys to adults - what about our children and grand children - they should have a say in this as they are the major users of these parks. We should be taking surveys through schools from children.
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- No
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- Yes. I would not like to see hard alcohol in parks, only coolers, beer and wine.
- I think enforcement would be difficult (not yes or no, but degrees of intoxication). A privately-run beer/wine garden would be an options; thus putting initial "enforcement" on the operator (not police/taxpayer) and they can have rules for their garden.
- no
- It will be like having designated smoking sites, non drinkers like non smokers will be forced to deal with the consequences.
- Maybe have someone circle around every now and then to make sure no one is getting out of control.
- No. The same littering and loitering rules should apply and those are sufficient to address any issues
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- It should not be allowed in parks. Because of safetyT3n
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- If you legalise drinking at picnic sites you should also do the same with cannabis.
- As with all picnic sites, regardless of alcohol consumption, my biggest concern is additional garbage from folks who don't respect the space.
- let it happen
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- I have concerns on safety and policng when things get out og hand, the liability and legal issues, who is charges and held accountable? If you want to drink go to the bar or do it at home in your back yard, I do not want to see it. Against my religion.
- No
- It's not the general public that's the issue with drinking in public. The bad experiences I've had are usually around those who already have substance issues. And frequently on Calgary Transit.
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- Picnic sites should not have liquor consumption allowed. This normalizes alcohol consumption as an every day occurrence opposed to a once and a while treat

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- Yes, I am concerned with the number of problems this would arise. With cannabis legalized, we are already in risk of many long term disadvantages and potential harm to the younger generation. At all cost, I disagree with this!!!
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- Dnt allow ,,, it ll increase crime rates....fights,,,
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- Designated picnic sores for liquor would be more effective than allowing liquor everywhere.
- I believe that this should be non commercial , no vendors allowed this should be for citizens only to bring liquor to site and not turned into an event for profit .
- I think it's a step in the right direction. We need to stop treating drinking like it's so taboo
- Do not approve and The City will have increased liability.
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- While o do see the benefit of allowing alcohol consumption at public picnic sites, I do understand the need for regulation to prevent harm. I think there should be a limit to the number of ounces of alcohol per person per hour.
- My biggest concern is that you're going to make the mistake of LIMITING alcohol consumption to a FEW PARKS to begin with, or worse yet permanently. All limiting the access does is concentrate the behavior. More people drinking in smaller spaces.
- This will increase crime in the streets. Drunk driving. Public misbehavior.
- Good idea
- No
- Do not let this happen!!
- Not sure who came up with this foolish idea, but it is very backwards. Do some research. You are paid to figure out why this is a foolish idea & sad you have to ask me to explain this to you. Do your own research and you will figure it out. Also, grow up.
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- No issues. This is allowed around the world.
- See above
- Drink in park is exactly as if it is allowed to drink in work, this will damage any place.
- Serious concern.
- In Europe and Asia it is common to see people enjoying the outdoors with a drink. Treat citizens with respect and they will respect their parks in return. Calgary is a world class city.
- No...

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- There needs to be recycling areas for empties, and would be a bit concerned about drinking and driving
- Disgusting, should not be allowed.
- people will try to drink in parks if it's Legal or illegal, so better to just have it legal. People already drink in parks it's a fact and there has not been many issues so if it's legal I don't see any issues.
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- Parks are pristine and there are far too many other places to drink. What message are we sending! Drinking is far too much front and center of what we as a society that do we even know how to not drink.
- I applaud Calgary for even starting this conversation! I also appreciate how many European cultures enjoy alcohol, but do it responsibly because it is an important part of their culture and one they protect.
- See question #2 above.
- People are drinking anyway, so may as well make it legal
- It is s ridiculous idea. Why do people need to drink in order to have fun. If they want to drink, go home or to a bar. I do not want to leave a park and have to deal with a drunk driver leaving as well.
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- Let's do away with these silly legacy rules from prohibition. Calgary adults can handle the responsibility of having a beer in the great outdoors.
- No
- Drinking liquor in the presence of children, in public normalizes alcohol consumption. Parents shouldn't have to feel the need to restrict their kids from going to parks for the sake of limiting their exposure to alcohol consumption.
- Yes, I see a huge safety risk for everyone including children and if city cannot understand that then it is pointless to talk about other concerns. We don't have to follow Europe or America, we are a great nation and world respect us due to values.
- nope, totally for it!
- Please leave our picnic sites clean
- If liquor was allowed then marijuana would probably follow then policing would be even more difficult.
- Don't allow it
- Same as above.
- It is ridiculous to introduce open liquor in our parks because only a few people will abide by the laws and how would it be enforced? Our Police are busy enough!

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- Liquor never be allowed in public parks and if it is there should be police on site to control any problems that may occur.
- It shouldn't be allowed for the fact that there would be no control over the consumption of it.
- all of the above comments
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- Alcohol is not necessary for people to enjoy their time outside. If this does happen, there should also be liquor-restricted parks so people who don't want to be exposed to this don't have to.
- Yes
- Mentioned
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- No I don't want liquor on any picnic areas or parks for my family safety.
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- Picnics are for having fun with your family and friends. We don't need to be drinking while enjoying this time together. Every aspect of our lives does not have to revolve around liquor.
- Added recycling.
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- Should not be allowed
- I think Parks should be used for fun and family time. Alcohol is not a requirement to have fun and enjoy others company. If you feel the need to drink, do it on your own property. Safety is a concern too, drinking and driving - who will monitor this?
- Already stated above
- Only as outlined above - enforcement and clean up.
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- Littering of broken glass in the site, drunk people in public becoming a nuisance either through noise or aggressive behaviour.
- I think this would be very difficult to police especially in large parks like Fish Creek where accessibility is sometimes difficult.
- Stop being part of a system that is constantly supporting mood and mind altering behaviours, while simultaneously doing little to help people who develop substance use disorder
- Next to require public engagement will be the useage of drugs in parks. If this goes through.
- Safety.
- None

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- I hope that no parks or picnic sites allow liquor because it can cause many damage.
- Yes. Same as answers in question 2.
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- People get drunk especially those who have no self-discipline and make troubles.
- Will there be enough clean and maintained washrooms at each facility paid for by taxpayers?
- I assume unruly behaviour in public is already in some form illegal. Instead of policing the consumption of alcohol in general, use the resources to enforce decent behaviour.
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- Not at all.
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- Some people may abuse this privilege and having cans and bottles everywhere could be a problem but I think most people would act responsibly and overall I think this is a great idea.
- Parks should not allowed for liquor.
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- If someone can go to lunch I had a few too many drinks, it would not be good for them to be around if someone can go to lunch I had a few too many drinks, it would be problematic for them to be in an area frequented by children
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- Don't do it
- No
- Just ensuring that the area is cleaned and there are appropriate disposal sites for garbage/recycling/compost. If there is mess left behind that should be where the fee comes in
- Alcohol should not be sold or consumed in public places, more when the places are full of children.
- No
- Yes. Too difficult to police the parks once alcohol is allowed, even in designated areas. Better to have an absolute ban on alcohol. Potential for misuse/abuse is too great and just adds to the burden of overstretched law/bylaw enforcement and courts.
- See above
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- Why do you even think about this stupidity
- The safety of children from people who may choose to abuse alcohol!
- There should be no restrictions on having alcohol at your picnic. We should assume that we are all responsible adults and will not "drink to get drunk".
- Why do Beer Gardens, patios, and other designated liquor license areas require fencing and security to check ID. Who would do that at picnic areas? Would licensed establishments be relaxed from those rules in turn?

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- It's not appropriate, it goes against everything that organizations do to prevent fatalities. The nighttime club behavior that causes aggressive, dangerous bad behavior will be permitted in parks where families want to take children, to enjoy family time.
- No
- Alcohol is not needed in all situations to have fun. By saying that the park is only fun if you can drink you're showing children that too. Enjoy being out in nature without it having to be a drinking occasion.
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- I have no issue with something like a European style beer garden, but don't believe consumption of alcohol at public picnic sites is a good thing. There are too many issues which could arise from it.
- That you will restrict it too much and make it a cash cow for the city.
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- no benefit at all except unsafe environment in park and not pleasant to go in park with Small kids.
- See my above answers.
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- No
- I worry about obnoxious people but the bylaw would apply to those people either way. Litter, but people litter now.
- it is a door once it is open, it becomes very hard to control.
- there are more problems & issues in the city nowadays to tackle and not to waste time to create more stupid things to debate. Those brainless zombies freaks in the councils should just stop shoveling taxpayers money up their hole.
- Montreal has created a healthy balance for liquor in public spaces and City of Calgary can as well
- You shouldn't allow it. You can't control it. If you allow it at all you will have it all over the parks. Who has time to police it? M. It's a bad idea!
- I believe this is already happening on a regular basis, individuals are just being careful to not advertise their alcohol. CPS could do a little bit of community engagement at the parks to encourage and remind those using the park to not drink and drive.
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- The police system is already over run. Having the exsosting rules about no alcohol allows park workers to have some control on situations that get out of control. Don't take that away from them.
- There might be more incidents of drinking and driving, but opening this up would be very similiary to allowing bars to open and serve at 8 AM during special events. The risk seems similar in my opinion.
- THIS IDEA OF LIQUOR IN PICNIC PARKS IS WHIMS OF SOME STUPID WHO HAS NO SENSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY.CITY SHOULD NOT ENTERTAIN SUCH IDEAS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
- See #3.

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- Glass bottles are my biggest concern.
- In addition to safety concern this will add more load on police by increase patrolling on these park and responding to expected higher level of security incidents
- It's bad enough our intelligent government (sarcasim) allows drugs and now they want booze on top of this - When are we going to learn. Mistakes we can fix but plain stupidity just drives me crazy. NO LIQUOR
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- How would the parks Authority enforce good conduct?
- Yes. I don't agree with this. It will have negative impact on kids. Noone can control on consumption amount. It will leads to unnecessary chaos and kids will be afraid to go there. Parks are meant for family fun not for chaos or adulthood.
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- How will the city monitor the consumption? will there be a compliance/ranger on site to tell people if they have had too much? would the prices change if alcohol is allowed in parks? i think only selected parks should allow alcohol consumption,
- no, people just have to remember to be responsible and respectfull.
- It would be another step in joining the rest of the civilized world in treating liquor onsumption in a responsible manner.
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- No
- If behaviour of ppl is becoming inappropriate there should be lots of options and support to call CPS or bylaw and have rules around how ppl can act in these sites.
- Bad idea.
- this is not good for the community overall..
- Personally I think rather than working on allowing liquor in picnic sites we should work on decreasing the numbers of drinking and driving.
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- As long as there is policing as it happens today, I have no concerns.
- No
- This absolutely the stupidist idea I have ever seen originate from the City. Please ask Council to focus on reducing costs at City Hall and stop wasting taxpayers money on these imbecilic projectds.
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- Obviously, not everyone consumes responsibly so I would be concerned that some people would leave cans/bottles behind and/or generally act like assholes.
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- All the reasons mentioned in the checklist above.
- No
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- public alcohol consumption is something done in many places around the world. It's about time. Don't think a few bad apples or people against this idea are the majority.
- No
- No.
- Give your head a shake ..You simply cannot monitor this. Are you ready to be responsible for the consequences when people abuse rules ie: a cool one at playgrounds while the kids play
- The only concern I have is the use of glass containers that could break. Adequate recycling disposals should be available, but this is the case at most parks already.
- Let folks have some liquor. If there is a problem deal with it like any other issue as an unruly party anywhere in the city.
- I can see concerns with groups which may overconsume and become rowdy or not properly cleaning up their garbage.
- With the new liquor laws in effect, I think people will be more responsible than if this changes prior to now.
- Many cities in the world I have been to have open carry areas where people are allowed to have open drinks in public and I think in city parks this would be a nice thing. People enjoy having drinks while enjoying time with family and friends.
- Paying for this would be fiscally irresponsible. It should be allowed and instead promote the use of our parks and go hand in hand with promoting responsible drinking.
- Yes after legalizing marijuana youth will also be involved in liquor too.
- It's not a big deal!
- How do you limit the people in one designated area?
- Kids getting exposed is the major concern; Enforcement of having meals is another; Who is going to administer how much drinking is taking place is third so yeah, quite a few issues
- Disappointing to call the city as Home. People will think of moving out to other city.
- If it is not broken why fix it?
- I'd like to see this move forward. Montreal does it and it's pleasant.
- No
- I think that people are already doing it but breaking the law, it would be great to allow it in a limited and controlled way
- No
- I also believe liquor should be allowed throughout festival sights not just in beer tents. For eg. Folk fest
- Yes, will not be good for society and children. You will see drinkers everywhere.

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- Only concern would be to have a proper amount of waste and recycling bins to help encourage people not to litter or leave a messy site. I enjoy a clean park that's safe for everyone.
- I have no concerns, I think it continues to promote responsible consumption
- Make it universal or not at all.
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- No
- I am concerned to see such discussion going on. Liquor should not be allowed on such beautiful parks.
- No
- Please do not allow this. People can drink at their private residence. This will create an unwelcome environment for families and cultures that do not drink!
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- My two concerns would be people leaving glass bottles everywhere and the glass breaking. My other concern is the select few who will get drunk and act like idiots in public. But that already happens so just enforce the law.
- I think liquor should not be allowed in parks. It will bring so many problems in people's behaviour, environment and road safety.
- All of the above. Thank you for taking people's opinions on these types of situations more of this is needed in our province and country democracy protects us all.
- none
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- I think it's a great idea and would be happy to take my family and enjoy a cold one!
- I believe public consumption of liquor should be allowed everywhere, not just designated picnic sites. I could barely name any proper picnic sites, because my friends and I usually go to random parks downtown or near the river. It should be legal all over
- I'm more concerned about the increase in police/security this might cause at parks, and how strict they would be with beverages being around the picnic area.
- Child will be around. More issue will be caused in the parks because of drinking
- Liquor should not be allowed in parks.
- bad idea
- Drunk obnoxious loud a-holes disturbing others around them and leaving a huge mess.
- No
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- I think it's a bad idea. I think the amount of damage caused by and resources used for people over indulging is not worth the option.
- No
- It's no different than going to a friend's house, people must be responsible and not drink & drive.
- No
- parks and picnic sites are for family / general population use. liquor should not be allowed
- New Criminal code drinking and driving law
- No smoking or liquor drinking should be permitted as it is a public place.
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- Long overdue.
- I'm concerned that the homeless with alcohol issues will be mixing with families. Public parks in the core have issues with homeless sleeping in public areas, and displaying belligerent behaviour. Can we set some guidelines such as no loitering/sleeping ?
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- I think it's a really good idea that a lot of people would enjoy. I predict that by having this bylaw in place picnic sites will likely have issues like being louder and messier. I think it's a good bylaw but will likely need more efforts from the city.
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- The parks won't be safe for the kids
- Liquor consumption should be allowed in designated areas and not in public places
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- Let's put some responsibility back in the hands of the people
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- will lead to violence, assaults and rowdy behaviour...also littering, broken glass etc. etc.
- It's allowed in Montreal and all over Europe and, as far as I know, there have been no issues. People already drink in parks - believe me. If recycling bins are provided and there are reminders to not drink and drive, I see no problem
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- Over consumption leading to poor behaviour, but I think think is a concern whether there is alcohol allowed or not.
- No
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- Nope
- Finally.

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- I have children. Drunk people make me feel uncomfortable. For myself and for them. When people drink they are not able to think clearly or react responsibly. Keep liquor in pubs,bars and peoples personal homes.
- No. People who are obviously intoxicated and causing an issue should be ticketed, though.
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- Yes. Liquor should not allowed on any public places including park.
- If there is any enclosed picnic sites and city can make sure safety of others including drunk driving, then it probably ok. Otherwise I am completely against it.
- it's a social thing, those that are drinking for other reasons will do it anyway
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- You can have fun without liquor!!
- it could potentially lead to an increase in garbage left behind if proper garbage and recycling facilities were not set up on the sites.
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- WE HAVE PLETNLY OF PUBS AND BARS FOR DRINKING. LET'S NOT CONVERT OUR PARKS IN TO THEM.
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- Yes there should be no extra charge to use the park and should also be allowed in parks that are not required to be booked,
- No
- No - the European model seems to work quite well. It is time Canada moved past stigmatizing alcohol consumption.
- See comments above
- Picnic is family friend and kids looking to enjoy natural place without any fear
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- Yes. If liquor consumption is allowed in parks, there will be safety concern.
- they will become one big party
- This is a bad idea. Is it being done in other Parks in any other major city, if so where, and how are they handling it.
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- There is absolutely no need to be drinking in a park. If you cannot even go to a park and just stick to no alcohol on that occasion, there is a problem.
- No
- Yes I believe that liquor consumption in parks may lead to unruly behaviour.

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- I am strongly disagree regarding consumption liquor at Park site. We do not want see drunk people doing there weird activity in front of kids, parents and friends. It will influence more people to drink alcohol which is harmful for human body and society.
- I think this is a great pilot program. Most people are responsible adults and it would promote people getting out more in summer for group activities
- you see lots of people smoking and using hooka and now liquor this is not good for kids and for the greenery in the park..
- I am concerned about increased littering and damage to the sites. They're already poorly treated by many visitors, when you add alcohol to the mix it will get worse. I am also concerned about safety for everyone: the person drinking, them around them, etc
- This is a poorly thought out policy. There are enough choices regarding where to enjoy a drink. We do not need to public parks to that choice as it will diminish the experience for all. Most people would be responsible but there some who will not.
- We have already had our house & property damaged by parents drinking at their kids baseball games. The police don't have the resources to respond to every call regarding drunks in our parks now. Having god at a picnic site does not prevent over use of alc
- This is a no brained and should never have been banned
- It would just creat problems for those out trying to enjoy the parks. Drunks are really not much fun to have around.
- No
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- No
- I feel that people who would drink in excess in park spaces are already ignoring the no drinking in parks rules.
- I don't think liquor should be allowed in public parks
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- I have seen legal liquor consumption in parks in Europe (not just at picnic spots). People were well behaved, picked up their garbage and bottles, and there were no issues I saw. Not sure why this is all about booked spots.
- If council decides to go ahead with this; which I strongly object to - then create "adult only" parks - like pubs and bars. these are not family friendly parks. If people are so desperate to use alcohol - then do it their backyard or community center.
- Kids safety
- not safe for society.
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- it will destroy the parks family environment, not healthy for kids at all.

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- Not at this time.
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- Slippery slope
- Nope
- I have a concern for people that would be around, especially kids because they shouldn't be exposed to that in public places. It also increases a risk of drinking and driving
- Why are there so [removed] many laws in the city of Calgary? Why not let the citizens enjoy their lives and if they overstep the boundaries of civility then hold them accountable, otherwise, just go away, I am an adult and expect to be treated as such !!!
- Don't think it's a good idea.
- I spent many years living in Butte, Montana; one of 3 places in the US with no open liquor laws. In my years spend there I did not notice any increase in harm due to this. The people in public that are disorderly will remain disorderly with or without law
- Public consumption of liquor is not allowed anywhere else in the city, why are we debating if it should be allowed in parks of all places?
- There will always be problems, but if communicated properly and enforced I would hope that the majority of citizens will respect the new rules and behave accordingly
- Children playing at the parks. Seeing disorderly behaviour. Will there be more police presence? Higher chances of drinking and driving.
- Although I do have some concerns about liquor leading to disorderly behaviour, anyone willing to use to proper avenues and book/pay for a picnic site should be responsible enough to handle themselves and their liquor.
- Let's get it done!
- I worry that it would attract the homeless
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- No
- I just don't want more impaired drivers. They must be aware that If they drink then driving is a no no. How will it be enforced.
- No
- I feel that this would also put a greater burden on our police services when their services could be better used elsewhere
- how many more deaths do you want to see as a result of drinking and driving?
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- Is consumption allowed during all hours?

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- It's just a step to allowing pot in parks.
- The cost of maintenance and enforcement of liquor regulations plus the sight of trash and destruction as the result of the minority who will abuse the privilege. Also the cherished quiet of summer nights may be lost.
- People getting out of control is always a concern when drinking is involved.
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- Strongly advise against allowing liquor at picnic sites. Keep the city clean. Expose children to positive influencers of society by discouraging alcohol and enforcing strict laws to help nurture responsible future generations of Calgarians.
- Drink then get in your car with kids who is monitoring this, then more tax dollars to have cops to deal with the issues, I am sure you can come up with something better than this, my daughters live in Calgary. They were born there and still live there, dumb
- I could see there be an increase in littering (discarded beer cans) and related damage to our parks. There is of course also the fear of people not knowing their limit and ruining the experience for other park visitors.
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- Should be allowed. No concerns.
- Another sign of uncivility and degradation of social structures
- No
- Please do not allow this. There are bars and their own places to consume alcohol. Let other people enjoy the serenity and fresh air in picnic areas.
- More clean up would be required. More cost for tax payers. Safety is a big concern
- Montreal already does this. Europe already does this. What's the harm?
- Damage to park environment.
- Please exercise caution and responsible judgment with this decision, vs viewing this as another potential revenue stream.
- Bring it in, take it out. Clean sites, people in today's environment are more regulated in their own drinking behaviour.
- Refreshing to see the city move in a less restrictive direction and let people make their own decisions.
- Memorial Park is situated across the street from a safe injection site.
- My main concern is that people who are not really picnicking but rather looking for a place to get drunk outside would use the sites and that would discourage me from using them if I were to witness it.
- Nope.
- Parks shouldn't be a place for drinking, as there are plenty of sites where subjects can drink. The family/children environment should be preserved. Alcohol shouldn't be allowed.

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- No concerns at all. We have more than enough laws on the books regarding public intoxication and bad behavior. Let's do this.
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- No
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- No
- I think there should be a zero tolerance policy for drunk and disorderly behavior. The majority of people want to consume small amounts. Anyone that consumes excessive amounts should be fined and banned from future use.
- Only concern is possibly increased littering. If this was made legal there should be more garbage and recycling bins near the picnic sites.
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- if only certain parks in the city allow liquor consumption, there is a possibility that they may become "party parks". Are guests who book the site liable for their guests consumption? Are there going to be an increase in security?
- consumption of liquor should be banned at designated picnic sites in the parks
- no
- Do it
- Very bad idea
- Garbage. Drinking and driving. Weed will be next. People will cry discrimination. It's not the right time to consider this unless you go full tilt and add weed and are prepared for the consequences.
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- People who enjoy drinking have lots of options to do so public wise. It doesn't make any sense why this should be implemented at parks. I'm disgusted that this subject is even being considered.
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- "Children are exposed to seeing liquor use" - stigmatization does not equal prevention. If you want children to have a healthy awareness of alcohol you must educate them and not pretend that it's a substance a lot of people don't indulge in.
- I do not see any benefit to this at all. By making alcohol more accessible, it just promotes abuse and intoxication which is a massive social problem. We don't need to drink to have a good time with friends and family.
- There are citizens who probably would like this, but concerns include added costs for management, security, bylaw changes, clean-up and recycling and increases in disorderly behavior may occur.
- Of course there will always be antisocial behaviour but I don't think it will be the overwhelming attitude.

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- What a stupid idea, one bad behaviour is enough to offset ten or twenty good behaviours. Frankly speaking, healthy outdoor activities should not be mingle with an unhealthy activity, if you are going to open picnic site for open liquor, why not cigar too?
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- only appeals to a very small demographic of people age 18-30
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- It will have a negative impact on our kids.
- No
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- No concerns, I have noticed on numerous occasions that families and other parties have been drinking alcohol at site for many years.
- The only concern is that the people who doesn't drink or consume liquor will not visit those sites.
- No
- People are already doing it, legalizing cannabis has only made Canada look less strict with no negative fallout, why not have Calgary do something similar. Licensing vendors with little beer carts would bring in revenue and create a few jobs.
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- I do not approve of liquor in picnic sites. It will start there but will evolve to more sites and will eventually includes canabis.
- Who will be monitoring liquor consumption in parks, and how frequently? What will be the specific guidelines, and how will these be enforced? What will the penalty be for not following guidelines?
- It should be monitored so things are fo not get out of control
- Should be allowed - many European countries allow this and it works well.
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- Minor may possibly have access to liquor in an open environment where otherwise, at a picnic site, they would not
- It shouldn't be restricted just to picnic sites. It should be ok if you're just there having a picnic as well on a blanket.
- Amount of alcohol per person. Set the the limit #of bottles per person.
- Yes parks are public area where family gather it should be for den from liquer

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- I think it's a great idea. Let's get into the 21st century, Calgary!
- Concern is that this will turn the space into a "party" area which will make it obnoxious
- No
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- Looking globally, there are many countries that have allowed open liquor consumption. I think that making alcohol taboo only helps create an unhealthy relationship to alcohol consumption. As above, those who want to drink irresponsibly will regardless
- People may abuse it yes, but more wont.
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- There are many disorders and safe less
- homeless drinking in public legally
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- I have huge concerns regarding consumption of liquor at any picnic sites.
- Not good for children , more chances of fighting in public , driving will be affective.
- We would like to raise our kids in a safe community
- Having more recycling facilities around these sites (and around public sport sites) will help to reduce the amount of cans and bottles being left as litter.
- No alchol in public picnic place
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- Its a bad idea
- People might misuse
- I certainly can see the challenge in enforcing responsible use of liquour but hopefully over time Calgarians would learn
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- As long as it's not too close to actual children's parks, I see no issue.
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- I have no concerns whatsoever.
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- Some people would abuse it, litter, act dumb and disturb other people using the park, set bad example for kids, possible increased cost to city for policing, regulation, repairing vandalism, etc. (although people likely to do this don't care if it's legal
- Keep it safe and clean
- Behavioural concerns and negative impact on kids

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- People think that people will take advantage of this becoming legal. I think people will just appreciate not having to hide their alcohol anymore.
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- Don't allow
- Do you want to bring fights and bad behavior to public parks where children love to play and enjoy. Bad idea.
- None
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- I do think homeless will openly drink if allowed. The police are already understaffed and will have to attend more calls in parks for stupid people not being responsible in the park or leaving the park.
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- Adults may leave left over liquor or young people may go around asking for liquor and adults will give it to them
- Children
- As multicultural and diverse nation there should be consideration of Muslims, Jews and other religious groups ideological respect by not allowing alcohol in picnic sites or any other where parks are involved or people sites
- Every thing will be a big mess, u will not have any place for family environment
- Picnic areas are meant for recreation with kids and family. Having liquor at such spots may cause issues when people get drunk.
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- As long as people respect "everything in moderation" I think it would be a nice change.
- Allow drinking at picnic sites in parks.
- This is a terrible idea. It means that children are going to see it's alright to get drunk and disorderly in public and make a fool of oneself.
- Well it will bring great evils in the society.
- I don't think peoples will follow the rules. Most of the peoples who use the parks are family with young kids.
- I think the main abusers of this will be kids, but nothing is stopping them from drinking in parks currently
- When people take liquor, its hard control their mind. This can lead to irregular behaviour. Kids also get effected.
- Should not be allowed, it will ruin kids and teens
- Please do not allow consumption of liquor in picnic sites. People were allowed to use cell phones in vehicles until laws were put in place to make it illegal because some people did not use them responsibly resulting in accidents and deaths.

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- This is not a good way of making money, city should find better ways to increase taxes
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- Yes. There would be driving issues. Drunk ones can be exposed to unacceptable behaviour especially in front on kids. Parks and it's surrounding properties can be damaged. Please don't let this happen.
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- Think it's a great idea ! I think to avoid issues and disturbances picnic sites should continue to implement Closure times
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- I have never had an issue with alcohol at these sites. Always been cleaned l'll and no disorderly conduct
- As stated above.
- I come from a society that allowed drinking everywhere. Parks, the beach, etc. It was awful. Drunkenness was an every day thing. This is not what I want in Calgary. And I do drink! I love beer!
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- There has always been fights at picnic sites. Now with liquor it will create more issues. Not safe for kids. Will there be police or parks security available to control disturbances. Who will be responsible for the safety of families or public.
- It's about time Canadian governments got on board with practices for liquor consumption accepted around the world.
- It will open for public place and public concerns have to consider by not taking liquor public place.
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- Making sure there are even larger fines for people who leave a mess or do it irresponsibly.
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- Full support with the right regulations
- I think this idea shouldn't even be up for debate. The problem is yes there are some that will drink tastefully but unfortunately the vast majority of people overdo it and I can't be bothered with recklessness when I'm out with my family
- No, except to do it. This ks very xommon in europe and there are no increased problems.
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- Liquor consumption can cause people to lose their sense of well being as seen from facts that many crimes are committed under the influence of alcohol including self harm. So I would request the city to let Calgary be the beautiful safe family friendly.
- Increase of crime, and garbage, encourages Drinking and Driving. As a female it scares me too, I don't walk home at night by myself after bars let out, why would I want that in the Park in the middle of the day.
- Q2 said enough
- Perhaps create areas where only adults can drink and make sure someone can drive home
- No.
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- Not really. Maybe noise level increase?
- We live near park. Not good for my kids
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- No
- Our liquor policies are outdated. This is a positive step.
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- Liquor shouldn't be consumed around kids, and parks are number 1 kids areas
- Not good for children and more chances of operating under the influence
- Many young families like to enjoy their family time in parks, it will impact kids seeing disorderly behavior.
- How will this be enforced and monitored for disorderly / destructive behaviour? Not that that kind of behaviour doesn't happen already but it's bound to increase somewhat. People will also drink in other parks, like Fish Creek -- hard to monitor and enforce.
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- no concerns
- I would want to see an increase in recycling receptacles, ash tray, garbage to ensure clean parks.
- Keep parks safe and comfortable for all. No drinking and no drugs. Why can't we enjoy these public spaces without being under the influence of something?
- Plz don't allow it's good for all
- my only concern would be making sure there are enough proper disposal areas for bottles and cans.
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- Signs and other forms of education on the rules should be available so it is clear what the rules are. Most people intend to follow rules they believe are reasonable which being able to have a drink with your picnic in the park is. They just need to know
- I don't like this idea
- Please stop ruining our city to make more money. This is a ridiculous and dangerous way to do it with putting kids and people in jeopardy. STOP stupidity!

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- No
- Should be allowed
- It should be allowed in public
- Please give us the chance to prove ourselves as respectful citizens. Let's model ourselves after the many European countries who have much more relaxed liquor laws.
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- It is not safe for anyone even the consumer
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- Litter would be a concern. Perhaps broken glass too?
- Should not be allowed
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- This is a good idea. Other Canadian cities allow it and it's fine (Montreal).
- People are watched and observed in Bars but who will watch and observe bad behaviour
- Liquor must not allowed in public park ANF places
- When using city parks, I don't want to be worried about other park users being under the influence of liquor.
- No
- Avoid the fear mongering that will inevitably happen, said things were said about cannabis and not a thing that was hyped happened.
- Nothing further.
- Irresponsible people will be irresponsible when drinking regardless if it is legal or not. Let us responsible people have a choice!
- Yes, if you give people the freedom to drink, fines for breaking the rules should be increased significantly. People need to understand that it's a freedom being granted and that abuse of that freedom will not be tolerated.
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- If people want to enjoy an alcoholic beverage in a park, they likely already do, but they are discrete and not causing a problem for anybody. If people want to abuse alcohol in parks, they likely already do, and the consequences vary. No change necessary.
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- No
- Not really, as long as there are proper bins to dispose of bottles
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- I do believe that the risk will be higher and it's not a risk people will take. We cannot assume others to be wise and responsible, if danger has happened at home or places that allow liquor it will be harmful and deceitful to those in picnics and parks.
- Chances are you like to drink outside as well
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- public intoxication is bound to have an affect on everyones enjoyment of the public space. It's never been fun to be around drunk people, why would allowing drinking change that?
- Broken glass
- The increased use of city funds to now clean, fix, and maintain these parks and picnic areas. Likelihood of finding glass lying around. People hurting themselves or others. Children's exposure. Drunk drivers will increase causing more fatalities or injury
- This would be a great step for Calgary to form more community bonds
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- Seems to me that council thinks it needs to be a babysitter. Why not get on to the work it was elected to do.
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- When children see the open consumption of liquor in parks they will think that its good for health so they will use it or drink it.
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- No
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- I do, same concerns as above
- No
- Isn't there enough liquor around
- Should not be allowed due to many risks.
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- It's a good idea but hard to monitor. No bartender to cut people off, see they get home safe. Safety concerns, could be rowdy behaviour, damage to property.
- Fines should be imposed and the park should be monitored for littering and loud music.
- I'd love to have a picnic with wine and cheese, Europeans do this and it's very classy and calm.

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- I am concerned about people being intoxicated close to the river
- No
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- It should be banned
- I will not use these designated picnic sites or parks.
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- I have concern on why people think parks are going to get ruined because of liquor. Other cities around the world doesn't even have laws for open bottle anywhere and they are fine. My concern is why we have this mentality of liquor being bad.
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- This can't be good for the city.
- Get this done.
- Parks are for children access as well. In such family areas, liquor consumption would result in disorder.
- Liquor should not be allow in any public place.
- Will there be increased garbage disposals for glass bottles, cans ect, and more staff to do regular collection of garbage at these sites.
- Not aallowed
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- Are you going to fence them so drunks won't roam the park
- people will always be people. alcohol changes people. people have the tendency to think stupidity is courage when they are intoxicated so they dont have any regards for rules/law. they think its adventure if they go against it and not get caught.
- No I think public consumption of liquor should be allowed everywhere.
- Identified in your question #2. There is going to be a cost associated with such a move like monitoring, policing and cleanup.
- Calgarians are already dealing with drinking or getting high and then driving. We shouldn't provide more ways for people to drink and potentially cause others harm
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- No concern.
- Major concerns.
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- Let's not destroy the family ambience these parks have by polluting it with liquor.

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- My only concern is what would happen to the empty bottles. Also if glass should be allowed or not but then how does that work with bottles of wine?
- Should not be even considered
- As long as there is oversite to remove those who over consumed. That is why I suggested a hefty fee of \$100
- Should not be allowed
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- I'd be concerned about clean up and potential damage to nature so sites chosen would need careful attention. Also reminders about dangers of drinking/boating
- Please include all parks
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- ensure designated driver program in place, surprise visits by bylaw officers, highly unlikely to stay contained to picnic site -move into rest of park, water danger). Restricted hours (e.g. 7-11pm).
- This a ridiculous waste of time. Nobody cares about drinking at picnic sites - why can't adults responsibly drink wherever they choose? There is no difference between drinking at home and going to a park, than simply drinking in the park to begin with!
- I feel this is a step in the wrong direction. If we want clean parks that are suitable for use by families and children at all hours of the day there is no reason to allow alcohol. And I most certainly do not want to see marijuana use in the parks.
- No, people are drinking anyway and disposing their litter all over the park. I would prefer they do it legally so empties can be disposed of responsibly.
- I think bar restaurant and many other places for liquor please leave any place cleanfor kids and it not a very good thing
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- People being charged with being drunk in public after being "monitored" by the police...
- It should be allowed at all public spaces.
- Only concern is Safety and it affects on the children's behaviour
- This will absolutely increase safety concern and bad influency to children. Parks are supposed to provide safe, family friendly environment instead of introducing potential voilent and unsafe place to our citizens.
- I can't wait!
- Don't allow liquor on public places
- Convenient recycling bins would be an asset.
- This would be a good change overall. 99% of people out there are responsible

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- If this occurred would require further monitoring at first to ensure people aren't just becoming Intoxicated
- Google search crime stats picnic sites or parks so you have an idea of potential incidents for your proposal. Have you also considered if you have the resources who will respond to these sites should they call 911? The City has budget concerns.
- No
- See question 2
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- None. We need to adopt a more European approach and stop making alcohol illicit. People should learn to drink responsibly.
- Just the obvious stated above
- It's just not the time or place. Stay home in your own back yard if you want to have a party
- My concern is how to guarantee people's safety of the picnic site.
- I've traveled lots to places with public liquor allowed and I think after an adjustment period most people will be responsible and respectable about it.
- No
- No
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- I think it would be great to launch this pilot project. If there are concerns about broken glass, there could be a rule about glass containers. Designated hours could be implemented if needed as well (10-10?).
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- I think it continues to be important to encourage safe behaviour and enforce impaired driving laws as well as clearly inform all park users of the allowances (zoning where drinking is permitted, for example) and expectations against heavy intoxication
- If successful here, the city should look at expanding to all public places. I have lived for several years in both Copenhagen and in Vienna. Both cities with very high living standards, and both allow drinking in all public areas. It works just fine!
- Garbage, increase in inappropriate behaviour in park settings.
- This is seriously a bad idea, and will be a gate for violence and put public safety at risk.
- I would only think it appropriate if the location in question was closed off from the public ie, a fence or walled area that the public would be separated from.
- See the above - I have many concerns.
- Those causing problems or abusing their rights should be reported and dealt with accordingly. Status quo!

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- The person who came up with this idea should be checked for alcoholism. How would the parks be managed differently if alcohol is allowed? My tax money is better spend elsewhere, like another ridiculous blue circle ring.
- Yes this should not be done at public places
- None
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- I am against this. Calgary does not have the ability to enforce most of its bylaws currently so any new rules will not be enforced with any kind of predictability or if these rules are enforced other will not be as enforcement resources get stretched.
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- Don't do it
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- I think with allowing liquor there is always going to be a few that abuse the privilege. Also the use of watercraft at these sites may be an issue with operators/floaters drinking..
- You should have a drink limit (something like 2 bottles drinks per person at campsite)
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- despite backlash and some initial negativity surrounding the issue, allowing alcohol in parks would increase socialization and well being of Calgarians, especially for those in smaller downtown living spaces who cannot entertain in their own places.
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- I think its permissable as long as the surroundings aren't damaged and others aren't bothered / irritated / harrassed
- It might increase behavioural issues in public and children
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- Just need to make sure there are plenty of garbages and recycling bins.
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- If public consumption does not go through then it would be nice if there are sites where you can purchase a liquor license for a particular event.
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- I think for the most part, people are well-behaved and often, the prohibition of these things doesn't stop those who would abuse it anyway. People drink in parks now and behave badly. This would be allowing those who are booked sites to just have more fun
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- Parks are one of the few places where i can take my kids without worrying about safety , i want my kids to play and run with the exposure to alcohol
- Collect and give the money from the empties to the food bank.
- As there may be some concern about people becoming disorderly or leaving trash behind, I think that there should still be Parks staff who have the power to report or ticket those who are not consuming alcohol in a RESPONSIBLE way.
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- Its not safe fir kids.please please dont allow it in park
- We need to find a way to ensure that people are not driving or floating on a boat after drinking, accessible transit near parks could help with the driving, and for boating.. increased security / patrolling to ensure its safe?
- Glad this is finally being looked at! Liquor in designated parks sounds great!
- I'd imagine people would do an awful job at cleaning up after themselves, and that overconsumption could potentially disrupt both nature and other users of the park. If alcohol is allowed, please do not let those drinking on the paths unattended!
- I believe it is a bad idea. If anyone wants to do picnic with liquor, he/she/they should use friends/family backyard or any private territory which allows it and not in any of the public locations
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- No
- I am extremely concerned about intoxicated people in a public place where they would harm others or cause discomfort to others.?
- Consumption of liquor leads to disasters in the society
- Im concerned this will lead to it being ok and acceptable for pot smoking at picnic sites. I hate the smell of it.
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- I am concerned that people will over indulge and display undesired behaviours. I am also concerned that people will not clean up after themselves.
- Policing the drinking age
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- Look in the past, look to see what has happened when there's been alcohol at the sites. They leave a huge mess and nobody wants to be around them listening to them
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- This is extremely concerning. There really should be a lot more effort by the city to broadcast this potential change out to the public, i only found out by a friend forwarding on to me but have not seen anything publicly posted.
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- Yes
- More recycling bins would beed to be required.
- Less families will come to parks with their children
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- Perhaps there can be drinking picnic sites and non drinking picnic sites so those who don't want to be exposed to liquor use can picnic/bbq at another spot.
- So long as the park has adequate disposal sites for recyclables such a bottles and cans, I don't see an issue. Calgarians tend to take pride in their city and clean up after themselves.
- It is probable that the law will be abused by those addicted to alcohol.
- No comments. Responsible drinking should be allowed.
- Concern that there will be more drinking and driving,
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- Countries all over the world allow liquor in parks and everyone behaves normal, no one is hiding liquor, no one is fighting. We are wrapped in bubble wrap in Calgary and some freedom would benefit Calgarians to not feel so trapped and watched.
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- I love the idea!
- Yes, please never ever allow alochol in picnic site as it has so many problem like children, bad behoviouir , safety, drinking driver.
- Please implement this! We lived in Europe for many years, and enjoyed the accessibility the to have a drink while on a park. It's a much more civilized way to picnic. And people are already drinking at picnic sites, so legitimize it.
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- As long as there are recycling bins for cans/bottles
- Safety concern
- It should 100% be permitted

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- People will drink slower if they can consume in public and this will likely decrease disorderly behavior and incidents related to alcohol.
- They would need to be frequently policed for misuse, which could be a burden on police. Perhaps allow only low percentage alcohol like under 15% for events.
- Please do not allow consumption of liquor at parks.
- Liquor allowing to picnic place would not be healthy.
- No to Alcohol
- This has been a long time coming. AGLC and local laws around consumption need to modernize and I'm glad this first step is being taken.
- It's already happening, so why don't we make it legal so people don't have to hide it. This would not be any different from going to a restaurant and having a drink.
- No
- Expose children to this spectacle is horrendous
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- Just let us be adults.
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- Its about time we caught up to the rest of the civilized world.
- I believe it to be a great thing. Cities like Montreal allow drinking in parks, and further cities like Tokyo allow public drinking. Drinking in parks suggests calgarians trust one another, and would promote city liveliness, something Calgary lacks.
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- Public liquor consumption should be allowed and unreasonable intoxication should be dealt with more harshly.
- We already have enough problems trying to keep the parks clean and quiet - alcohol would not help.
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- this is long overdue
- Yes
- I do have concerns as it is not good for the families around in the park
- no
- Its unsafe. Where do you draw the line, whats the difference between walking down the street drinking or drinking in a park
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- This isn't necessary. Nature is nice and peaceful and relaxing. Drunk people are not.

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- Its about time we catch up to the rest of the world
- yes as mentioned above
- yes intoxication / drinking drivibg
- Booking sais sites will probably be difficult because of demand.
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- Yes. Some people may abusr this privilege and cause mayhem in the Park. Every designated area should be monitored and patrolled frequently. Violaters should be fined heavily and banned from booking any site at any Park in the Province. Have strict rules.
- Just one if you legalise it just make it more secure for the family and childrens.
- Just do it, adults should have the freedom to have a drink at park.
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- Where there is picnic table you can drink it not outside your picnic table is allowed
- Yes, I do not want this to happen
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- People already consume alcohol in the parks. My concern remains broken glass where kids play. If it's allowed, and regulated, there could be monetary consequence if a site is left in a poor state after the booking.
- Misbehavioral reflection is my concern
- Would be ashame to see people drunk and disorderly in an area where families spend time with their children/ people go to be peaceful and relax with nature
- Just with possible lack of clean up, I don't think it should be allowed next to playground and have someone patrol for the people that don't know how to drink in moderation
- Promote an outdoor healthy lifestyle by reducing restrictions on public park areas and making them more attractive as an activity alternative? oh heck yes
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- Ya. People do it in secrecy if they want. Honestly!
- It should not be allowed
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- Liquor should not he allowed in public parks as it is a safety hazard and a bad influence on our children
- If we start designation of alcohol consumption sites, are we prepared to start designation of areas as nude sites fur people who want to be nude? Our parks are going the way they are, why change a system that has been working well for decades.
- Yes for sure. Our commuinties families and children safety will be affected if this is going to be allowed.
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- Exposing children to such atmosphere and unpredicted behaviour
- I think not being able to have liquor with a picnic is a really archaic law and needs to be changed. I also think that if someone has a blanket on the ground and is having a picnic they should also be able to have wine or beer .
- There are, of course, going to be those who abuse the freedom to drink in public areas like that, but I believe that the benefits outweigh the any potential risks. If someone is dedicated enough to drink in public they will find a way anyways.
- Do it for the boys
- I think it would have to be heavily controlled to prevent aggressive people from using it as a place to get wasted. But I think it is a great idea for those who are responsible and love nature.
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- It's not beneficial for public places
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- I dont allow liquor in any picnic ground
- freedom of choice I live by Glenmore park and would certainly use it more if I could enjoy a cold beer with family and friends
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- A drinking curfew would be a good idea. i.e. no alcohol consumption after 10PM
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- Recycling and garbage receptacles must be readily available.
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- How will a family enjoy outdoors with kids if there are drunk people around them, there will be a big safety concern among families who want to take there kids to parks. Everyone and anyone can consume liquor at home. Why in parks?
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- It should not be allowed at all
- Picnic sites should not allow liquor consumption at all, designated sites will not resolve the issue.
- Yes, it brings threat to safe driving
- I would worry about liquor at a park next to the rivers (edworthy park for example). I think the picnic liquor sites shouldn't only be at big parks. It would be good to encourage Calgarians to visit some of their smaller parks.
- Drinking by groups that are not eating a picnic meal.
- There should be no liquor in public, it's not enough that people drink and drive. I think it's very dangerous to allow alcohol. Especially because of the kids playing in the park
- I think it's a ridiculous idea and there's no way to control who is drinking what. Bars are there for a reason. Crazy our council wastes money and time on this!!

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- Liquor and being served in restaurants- I don't go to restaurants serve liquor ,if u allow liquor in parks too, where do i take my kids to?
- There is already problems with certain segments of the population that abuse alcohol and drugs that take up a lot of Police resources, is the City going to up the Police budget so they have the resources to deal with additional problems that WILL arise
- People just need a designated driver.
- I think this is a fantastic idea and I'm happy to see that the city is engaging the public about it!
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- If people desire to drink in public place, designate a park for drunks only.
- Both children and pets would be exposed to liquor
- No
- This cannot be controlled unless you put a guard 24 hours in every picnic sites, plus the dangour this will bring to public. Cannot you think of a better way to flourish the society?
- I think that it would be good to allow it so as to provide proper regulation. Then there would be a place that it was allowed instead of people sneaking it or drinking beforehand and possibly causing more trouble.
- One should enjoy the parks instead of beeing confined to ones back yard or worse ones apartment enjoy get out
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- Its about time!
- Yes but I think a good public eduction campaign and enforcement for disorderly conduct would suffice. Most people are good, and the ones who aren't are already drinking in parks and creating issues.
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- It would adversely affect the safety of public, kids and family.
- There should be no tolerance for violent behavior and littering
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- It should not be allowed in public period
- Drink and drive is not safe
- It is a horrible idea
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- This would be another bizarre idea like having drugs legalized in Canada
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- While there may be people that can drink responsibly, I think opening our parks up to alcohol consumption also opens it to those that drink to get drunk and it will be impossible to monitor/police.

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- The alcohol is not the problem...it's the scale. A couple on the grass having wine and cheese is not the problem. It's the blowout birthday parties being held at the picnic sites that might be, because they are loud and take over the atmosphere.
- Yes I have concerns with safety and added garbage to sites.
- No
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- Consider costs of signage, need for recycling bins and maintenance.
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- I know people will say that young people/hooligans etc will go crazy and cause disturbances but in reality, I see this happening already anyways. With legalisation and supervision I believe this can be prevented. (Outside of park hours was bad anyways)
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- No
- No concerns.
- This consumption need to be visible and controllable, to avoid damages to the park and disorder
- Just dont want any broken glass
- Allow areas within our parks to be used as beer gardens, like they do in many big cities in Europe.
- I'm concerned that it would be abused since people now drink in parks where it's prohibited.
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- Lots of concerns... biggest being the lack of enforcement of law . People like to believe they can control liquor related issues but end up being escalated with police. Parks are places for quality time not dealing with jerks.
- all of the above in Q#2
- You're just opening the door to a whole new set of problems.
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- No comment
- Permitting alcohol in picnic areas will reduce children's freedom, expose them to sexual harassment and increase rape under the influence of alcoholic, as well as drinking and driving will cause more fatal accidents . Hosham Altaha
- Would prefer if parks in general allowed liquor consumption - why force people to be at a table?
- Not needed. Stop wasting time and money on this subject.
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- A table in a park should be a designated picnic site. Put the sign at the entrance to the park, not one for every table.

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- Rules should indicate alcohol consumption is allowed during the hours of 12pm to sundown only.
- If we allow this people start to look the other way when consumption occurs elsewhere in the parks. Joggers, seniors, children should feel safe when utilizing parks.
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- We are a society are making it to acceptable to drink around children. There are to many irresponsible parents and parks should be safe places where we can have family time and not have to deal with drunk people whether it's family or strangers.
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- This move would be a step backward, just like weed was.
- Many issues may occur with too much time spent on enforcement. Damage to property, bottles left after consumption.
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- I would like to see more police around while the program starts out.
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- It's about time Calgary got with the changing culture.
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- I would suggest no glass bottles (plastic or cans only). Also suggest more recycling bins in park sites for easy disposal.
- I've seen drunk people acting disorderly/aggressive in public parks. So I cannot imagine how it will be when there are no restrictions.
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- Making it mandatory to clean-up and not acting disorderly, or face fines from bylaw officers.
- Alcohol is allowed in public in Europe. None of the concerns mentioned are an issue in Europe
- Same as checked mark on question 2
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- I do not support consumption of liquor in public parks. It will increase the likelihood of poor interaction with children and drinking and driving.
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- Nothing more than what I have previously selected
- It should not be allowed
- If I have children with me, don't want them subject to people drinking as alcohol affects the mindset of some in a negative way.
- Obviously people will take advantage. But it's up to the park officials to ensure that the minority are not ruining it for the people who deserve this privilege.

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- No concerns- many countries and jurisdictions allow this with minimal disturbances or concerns.
- This should be allowed, public intoxication is still a criminal offense, punish those folks who oversold it. Supply a big fine to the first dozen to show everyone it's not tolerated. Don't punish everyone for idiots.
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- My concern is the government and AGLCC treating adults like children.
- all my concerns were selected in question #2
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- Please don't allow to consume alcohol at picnic places
- I am concerned about the effects of alcohol on some people and how the picnic can become a tragedy with fights and sometimes bodily harm or death.
- Drink and drive, Alcohol triggered misbehavior, indecent behaviors, potentially increased crime
- no
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- no.
- No. Please make this happen. Why should anyone have issue with adults responsibly consuming alcohol? The people who are going to act inappropriately are still going to drink in public whether legal or not.
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- Picnic sites are designated for picnics don't make them bars, and gambling for opened crime
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- There are sufficient laws in place i.e. "public intoxication" to cover negative outcomes of over consumption.
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- not agree be allowed
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- Underage drinking
- Parks should be for all. No drinking there should be allowed.
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- I would hope people wouldn't abuse the opportunity by overindulging and getting drunk and disorderly. If you stipulated that alcohol could only be consumed with a meal, that might help prevent problems.
- Irresponsible people will likely abuse and are probably already taking liquor into our parks.
- I would like to see more parks than just downtown as the city is wide spread and each only seems to care about his areas.

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- Liquor should not be allowed to be consumed in parks.
- yes i do. you go out to spend time with family and kids and once they see people are drinking openly in the parks or picnic site it wont to good same as GOVT. does not allow minors in to the pub/bar so we should have some restrictions on everything .
- I do not understand why the city would even consider this. Especially with the new driving law. It is not a good idea to have drinking like this in public places
- N/a
- I see no reason why this should not be allowed. Responsible consumption of alcohol should not be restricted from the parks.
- No I don't. The majority of those people consuming will be responsible. Those who will abuse the parks/safety willIndonsonrrgarless of whether consumption is legally allowed or not. I would appreciate to be treated as an adult.
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- My concern is if you're limiting this to picnic sites - you're going to have more people (than there already are) abusing the system and drinking all over the park - you should just make it allowed throughout the park.
- no
- Should be patrolled more often then they are now
- Yes, I see a good reason why it needs to be allowed.
- No
- No
- People getting to rowdy, but that happens anyways.
- No
- Of course it is not safe and can cause damage to people and places. It should not be allowed at all
- No.
- Not really. I think people are pretty self regulated. With the legalization of cannabis, we have Not seen hordes of "high" zombies wandering the streets bothering people?
- No
- More Bums around looking for empty cans and bottles
- Should be strictly prohibited
- I think it's a great thing
- It will make me think twice about walking alone in a park with picnic sites.
- Really bad idea.
- Park is for all age group and with liquor it is no good for children.
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- Yes I'm 19 and I have the foresight to see that there's very little benefit to this, the potential for people doing foolish things are too big. It's not worth it

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- At campsites in the U.S. I've been to this is the single most annoying thing. Arriving to find discarded cigarette packs and beer cans half-burnt in the grill you're going to cook over. Hell no!
- No
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- I think that children should be allowed at these designated areas. It is not bad for children to see adults enjoying a drink with lunch. I want to be able to enjoy a drink and the company of my entire family.
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- This is not a question. No liquor period.
- Police presence
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- yes. why even putting g efforts for this survey. use that money to do more cleanup and provide Best facilities
- I do think there will be a lot more people getting intoxicated and loud. It may end up deterring families from certain parks. That being said lots of other countries have public drinking allowed but they often look down on public intoxication.
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- Having peace officers enforce responsible drinking would help to ensure people do not overconsume and therefore ruin the new change for other citizens. This regulation could slowly be lessened over time once standards are set for behaviour in the parks.
- Will endanger public safety. Huge family concerns.
- Please allow this. This is a free country and once you're an adult, you are responsible
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- See above notes.
- Make sure adequate garbage and recycling bins are in installed.
- It is ethically incorrect and it can lead to many problems and accidents.
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- It's a big Risk to have
- The picnic side is to have a relax not drunk with alcohol and picnic side is for family to enjoy Bbq and etc so I think alcohol shouldn't allow at all
- Yes I have concerns that it will increase violence and crime around the parks. Also, litter to the area.
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- Individuals could abuse this privilege and result in an increase in public intoxication already seen in the city at night. Thus this leads to the disturbance of others and puts individuals at a greater risk of being in danger.

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- It's not good
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- This will be positive for calgarians and we will use parks more
- Probably it will be best that the alcohol should be consumed from a cup instead of from the straight bottle. It will prevent visibility to the kids, and hopefully no broken glasses laying aroun on the ground.
- When ppl imbibe the effects travel with them, they dont stay at their picnic site, I'm curious how having a designated spot will keep the inebriated away from those who just want to enjoy nature in peace
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- Yes I do, drunk are everywhere and now they will be allowed at parks as well.
- Safety, kids, culture and religion.
- It's not safe for children and for the community.
- no. Open consumption in public should be allowed.
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- As long as people drink responsibly I do not see any concerns
- Cities, like Montreal, have successfully adopted this law. I think you would be taking a normal practice, with widespread usage, and moving it into a legal sphere.
- Disorderly behaviour.
- Please no. This is the worst idea.
- Eventually these people to get on roads, etc.
- It would be about time to change the laws and not make criminals one individuals that wish to have an alcoholic beverage while enjoying one of our beautiful parks
- Parks are full of families and it does not set a good tone if alcohol will be consumed
- I really like this idea. I understand that people worry about public drunkenness, but I don't see it being a big issue. If people want to drink at a park now, they do. They hide it in water bottles and whatnot. Why not have it in the open?
- Don't allow liquor. It's a compromise to everyone's safety
- Dumb idea. Why not allow all types of drugs if your allowing one type.
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- That's not a professionnel at all not good for human or environment .
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- I do not have any concerns, however, I do believe the rules need to be clear and be a safe place for others.

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- Potentially the abuse of this privilege by some due to a grey area in how much is allowed and under what circumstances
- I don't support this Idea at all.
- Ensure people are drinking responsibly.
- Now is the right time to relax the restriction on alcohol consumption
- Only concerned with the odd ones that may abuse it. Regardless, this is a great idea. Calgary is such a neat city.
- Yes. Doing a survey on allowing drinking in public when marijuana can't be smoked anywhere but at home. But cities okay with having drunk people running a muck in th city? Why not just put a bar on every corner. What a dumb idea - fix the marijuana problem
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- Enforcement would need to be increased to discourage excessive consumption, unacceptable behaviours.
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- Accidents fights property damage
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- Children will be exposed
- no
- why do we need to have liquor at a picnic site, surely we can have an afternoon without liquor.
- What do other cities do, with what results e.g Vancouver?
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- I think it's a great idea that the vast majority of Calgarians would be able to handle responsibly.
- No
- No.
- This is a slippery slope which will increase consumption of alcohol in parks and other public spaces resulting in negative social aspects and significantly increased enforcement costs.
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- I don't consider it's safe
- yes, please leave the parks alone for liquor free for our children or designate the some parks to allow so the families with small children avoids
- This is a really dumb idea, liquor consumption in public is against the law for good reasons, why would the city want to allow it at parks?
- Concern of broken glass as a danger. Concern with increased garbage left around.
- Yes. Consumption of liquor at picnic sites in parks should not be allowed at any cost.

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- Out of driving drunk after, no
- Picnic is meant to be have worrisome time, with liquor I will be worried about I & my family safety & security. It will ruin the purpose of trouble free to enjoy with my family.
- It should be free no charge.
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- I do not support consumption of liquor at designated picnic sites in park .
- I have a concern allowing alcohol at any picnic sites.I because of it can cause disorderly behaviours.
- Increased issues with consumption, might as well post CPS nearby for all the fights.
- No glass bottles should be allowed as they could leave broken glass behind.
- No
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- yes I have concern. liquor should not be allowed I picnic area if parks. kids, mishaveour, imparexpeople I parks, drinking driving issues with kids running around, kids exposed go liquor and many more. please no liquor I parks and picnic area.
- No. Not everyone will make it a drunk mess.
- No
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- I'd be open to it with hours governing use and enforcement.
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- Most of the western world allows some degree of public drinking with very few issues. When something is illegal it tends to get abused. It's easier to get away with drinking in the backseat of a car than a bbq with friends. This change is needed.
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- Its not safe and peaceful for park environment and people and kids there. It will ruin the peaceful environment of parks.
- No
- Alcohol consumption in public parks is a bad idea. Too great a risk of abuse of alcohol. Too difficult to monitor. It sounds like a nice idea for responsible adults but abuse by some is a risk for all. Broken glass, unruly bahaviour, loud voices, mess.
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- It only going to increase drinking and driving.
- Please no.
- I think its an amazing idea and I know lots of people that would feel this way.
- No concerns at all
- Not needed, parks are for family & friends time. Enjoy the beautiful nature without the damage.

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- no
- Only stuck up people who don't have fun or enjoy a drink here and there would have issues. These people should stay at home. Cities all over the world allow drinking in public and have not descended into anarchy.
- Proper monitoring, unruly behaviour, abuse of the privilege. This represents a shift in drinking culture in Alberta and Canada and I expect there will be growing pains during this transition.
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- Like any shift in policy, there will be a transition period. I think Canada, being a comparatively young country to rest of the developed world, could afford to be less prudish. Citizens, when given the chance, will hold each other to higher standards.
- I do worry about increased litter, but cans and bottles provide income to our homeless populations so I'm probably less concerned than I am about hot dog wrappers. I worry about people being stupid, but those are the people who sneak it in anyway.
- Nope!
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- The only concern is safety, it might increase drinking and driving, disruption and what children will perceive.
- No. People do it already but in secret. I believe by allowing it, it will be more in the open and so people will look out for each other more.
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- Stupid idea.
- N/A
- It should not be allowed at all in public parks.
- The parks may be damaged by people being wreckless.
- No.
- Calgary just be a safe place to stay in, it doesn't have to be no restrictions at all. Have your limit plz
- People who you need to worry about are going to be a problem, regardless of law. I think if you allow cans and plastic cups it reduces broken glass, clean up and visible consumption to children. Plus potential for money from can recycling.
- None that don't already exist.
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- None
- Normalizing normal behaviour is a good sign of social progress. Keep it up!
- Picnic sites are generally family oriented gatherings. I think the dynamic amica of liquor would change who books and what the park area is like.
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- Damage/littering in public parks.

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- I am against liquor consumption in picnic areas because it increases chances of public drunkenness and the detrimental consequences of that.
- It would be great to have ample recycling and composting bins for depositing refundables and food waste (e.g paper plates, used napkins, etc)
- Not allowed
- No
- No
- No
- Hopefully we will be able to bring our own alcohol and this isn't a scam to just sell us alcohol in designated areas
- I think it is a great, progressive idea. I'm guessing some people sneak it anyways and now they could consume without any problems.
- It definitely deserves a pilot tryout. Our society is getting way to restrictive!
- liquor not allowed in Christianity or jewdism or islam
- It should be allowed in every single across Canada! Look at Europe for example. In most places, people can drink basically wherever they want, and from all the time I've spent there, it's never been overly obscene or obnoxious. It was mature.
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- I believe bylaws should be further changed to allow alcohol consumption in any public space given it's not in a glass container.
- Rules to make sure kids don't pick up the drinks
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- These are public parks, people should not be exposed to alcohol if they don't want to be.
- Just don't want it to get out of hand so it causes discomfort to others.
- No
- People already drink alcohol in parks but for the most part in moderation. I don't see a lot of enforcement if any. How much worse will it be if allowed. Will there be an increase in security to ensure safety. I doubt it.
- no real concerns, i think as adults in society we should be trusted to have some maturity and responsibility. we have laws that prohibit drinking and driving and being drunk and disorderly so i don't see why this would have a negative impact.
- Nope
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- If this does pass, it needs to be closely monitored
- It should be allowed.
- The bottom line is no liquor in park.

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- No concerns
- Yes, this is a bad idea and not good for families or public safety.
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- none
- Like anything, people will abuse it, but the majority of people will appreciate it and respect the rules. Will need recycling bins.
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- Has any one thought that Parks Canada may be sued because someone was injured due to unruly behaviour of a drunk picniker?
- This is the best idea I've seen in a long time.
- Because our culture around alcohol is so juvenile, there will be a rise of drunk and disorderly, but after time and a cultural respect around alcohol you will see the results of responsible people like you do in Europe.
- Allowing drinking introduces a defence for people who abuse the system and cause trouble. It's better when the mere presence of alcohol is enough to remove troublemakers from the park.
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- As above.
- I think, it's not a good idea to have children seeing drinks all around. Parks are multicultural places and this would push some people away from healthy activities and gathering. There will be more "alcoholic" people lying around parks if it's allowed.
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- Why are we doing this? Who asked for this? Things were going fine before all this. Drinking liquor in public will increase the risk of drunk-driving and crazy behavior! It'll ruin the park experience for others who just want to have a good time outside.
- Fines should be extra for leaving liquor cans behind
- I don't see a difference between drinking at a picnic or in a restaurant. Same laws for drinking and driving apply.
- Yes. Consumption of liquor in picnic sites in parks should not be allowed.
- No
- there will always be people who will abuse this; this may encourage people to drink and drive
- Litter and noisy parties. But I feel that these individuals will still do this regardless of allowed or not.
- No
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- Liquor consumption should be allowed in all parks.
- I would rather not see any public park that allow liquid consumption.

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- It should not allowed as individuals may become loud, rowdy and disrespectful of other park users. Individuals may be driving impaired from parks.
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- If everyone would do this responsibly, then great, but It'll just open the door to a host of problems with no capacity to enforce.
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- It's about time this happened.
- It's highly hypocritical of the city to consider allowing liquor at city parks, when the idea of cannabis at city parks was quickly thrown off the table. Alcohol creates more societal problems than cannabis ever has.han cannabis, as most people can
- I have major concerns about the effects of public consumption of alcohol. Too many people think alcohol is necessary for fun, relaxation, etc, and Alberta's drunk driving rates reflect the massive drinking problem our province already has.
- Yes
- No.
- No
- It must be banned.
- There should be a fine for leaving broken bottles. You should have to sign up with email or info so that if any bottles are left behind then you can get fined. It could become common practice to take a picture on arrival and exit and send it to an email.
- it should be reasonable no word party gently and smooth.
- n/a
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- Liquor consumption is injurious to health anf affects everyone around.
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- I travel quite often to other countries and enjoy wine while shopping or a beer at lunch in the park. Would be nice to do this in my own city without risk of being fined.
- I totally disagree
- This is a ridiculous idea. These are family affordable environments that do not need to be subjected to those who need to drink outside of their residence or drinking establishment. It's alread sad that drinking occurs at Flames games and movies!
- See above
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- Terrible idea. We have enough trouble with intoxicated people on trains and in public. Don't need them in parks too.
- My concerns is that liquor not good at picnic site park because it's exposed children
- Will need proper signage to inform citizen of dos and donts, and public education

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- I see this loosening of the rules as a precursor to 'down the road' allowing cannabis being smoked as well. Once alcohol is allowed, can smoking weed be far behind. As well, I have huge concerns with drinking at the park and then driving.
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- Please keep alcohol in bars. Not in family places
- Not at this time, thanks.
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- no all good with this
- As stated before, I see the chance for abuse being very high.
- Already mentioned in check mark
- Shouldn't be allowed any public place if allowed then every employee must be drunk on job
- Reality is that people who are going to engage in irresponsible behaviour are likely to do so whether there are laws in place or not. We might as well regulate it so most people can safely enjoy.
- Damage to parks. I think there needs to be strict enforcement not to cause more garbage or damage.
- Not at all
- No, I think this is a great idea. Allow for legalization of alcohol in parks.
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- No
- Not safe around kids and disrespectful of different religions
- I fully support it.
- None
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- Yes my family won't be secure at parks where liquor is allowed.
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- My concern is that parks and picnic areas are family areas and children should have a safe place to play with families without the risk of impaired drivers causing problems.
- If you allow liquor you will then likely have to then allow cannabis and tobacco.
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- Already asked and answered
- People should be able to do what they want...
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- While personally I'd prefer to be able to enjoy a drink anywhere, I could see Calgary more realistically selecting those parks further into the suburbs and avoiding the ones downtown; where there are higher poverty related drinking issues.
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- No
- I don't think the need is greater then the risk associated with it .
- Broken glass is my number one concern.
- Drinking in public should be legal.
- Why do people have to have liquor to enjoy themselves?????
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- People will not go crazy if this is allowed. Majority of people are sensible and law abiding.
- Another thing that is hard to police.
- Biggest concern would be littering, and enforcement of designated areas, but overall I think this will bring more people to the parks. I have seen people drinking at parks in the past. designated areas can appeal to everyone and keep accountability
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- I think it's a great idea and a progressive step for Calgary!
- I have family and I am seriously worried about my kids I would be safe to take my kids to parks anymore
- Concerned about children
- No
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- I really like the idea. As much as liquor doesn't need to be a part of socializing, it is the kind of thing that brings people together in outdoor spaces. I'd would want to see efforts towards reducing over consumption and drinking and driving.
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- People are likely doing it already so it would be good to have the correct parameters around it - increased recycling bins, patrols etc.
- No, it has been legal in Quebec for over 50years. Learn from that.
- They already have bars for their consumption so public area should be safe for everyone especially for kids, there is big chances of kidnapping and violence.
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- Parks should be family friendly and not a place where we need to require more police enforcement, which we are already low in funding for. Why cause more problems for police? People will assuredly abuse this.
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- Place where children enjoy shouldn't be introducing liquor culture to them rather it should promote healthy environment.
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- Initially it might have people abusing it, but it will level out. Just like cannabis and the public use.
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- Must not be allowed
- I am concerned that these sites might be abused by those who have drinking addictions already and lead to disorderly behavior that negatively impacts other visitors.
- Liquor shouldn't be allowed at public places.
- Why parks for liquor? There are enough places to consume liquor, outdoor patios at pubs, restaurants etc. Our future goes to the parks to play so they can stay fit , have fun, feel safer. What is wrong with these ppl?
- Proper recycling and garbage outlets nearby.
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- Normallizing the consumption of alcohol is never a positive thing,
- Kids safety. Family safety , parking safety, fire safety, environment pollution, driving safety, I would like to have a clean and safe place for my family and kids to enjoy the nature , weather , picnic, bbq without any disturbance due to liquor
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- No
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- Don't allow it.
- If pilot moves forward, it would be important to ensure sufficient quantity of recycling bins are available nearby.
- It would be an exciting change.
- No.
- No.
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- No except we should also be allowing consumption of cannabis too
- About time. Canada is stuck in medieval liquor laws.
- No.

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- Police/Bylaw not understanding the rules
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- It is completely unnecessary to consume alcohol in City Parks. I see no positives that would come from this.
- use of liquor in public family area is not something that I see as benifical, the potential for drinking and driving, more glass to be left, reckless behavior, consideration for others and environment. It's not necessary to have an enjoyable time Outdoors
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- Just a BAD IDEA
- This is not considering children safety
- It seems like a totally wrong idea.
- Not needed
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- I would assume there would be easy access to Uber's and cabs for a safe ride home.
- It will be dangerous.
- Surely if people can smoke in parks, alcohol consumption ought to be sanctioned.
- There are now plenty of designated sites where liquor can be safely consumed, and where families and general public can choose to avoid. Once laws are in place allowing this, it will be difficult to retract should problems arise.
- Give it a try and see how it goes. If people are causing more disturbances than usual, then scrap it. We can't be trusted. But I bet it will be just fine.
- None
- Just I am not agree with it anymore.
- I really don't want this to b allowed scince it impacts the whole society in a bad way. Especially kids.
- No liquor at public park .its not a place for liquor
- we will not feel safe
- Drinking is not a solution and people can relax and have a good time without using alcohol
- I would like liquor consumption to be legal at picnic sites.
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- Would look at Munich (English Gardens) or Prage (Letna Park) - both have licensed establishments and people love using these parks.

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- No comments .we like to drink.
- Allow it anywhere. People are more responsible than you give them credit for. We do not need to be babysat
- I'm ambivalent. I like the idea but also worry about individuals who would abuse this and become severely intoxicated.
- No
- None.
- To ensure that there are recyclable bins for bottle deposit.
- Yes, allowing this will inevitably result in "parties" with drinking to excess which will deter non-drinkers and families from uses these spaces. This subject is hardly worth the time, effort and money that will be used to debate it.
- No
- Nope
- Expect the best from people :)
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- Inevitable over consumption and disturbances. Requires increased enforcement effort and related cost
- Think about the overall safety, especially children's safety before reaching a conclusion.
- Driving, floating, children seeing behavior
- No
- I think it will be unsafe for everyone and should not be allowed.
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- Homeless populations with substance abuse problems using them. Needs to be well monitored.
- When we go for picnics we are going to have fun not to see drunk people and are kids going to play not keeping them away from having fun because drunk guys
- Just that it should be accompanied with food and not just liquor
- Yes, I am concerned about an increase in harrassment of other park goers and an increase in public disturbances and/or domestic violence. Perhaps giving people a place where alcohol is off limits is a healthier option than increasing alcohol consumption.
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- No
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- As long as citizens know that school parks are not city parks. It should be city parks with picnic tables. But people with blankets and food should be permitted.

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- I think overall it's a fine idea. As mentioned before, people are already doing it so as long as everyone remains respectful and cleans up after themselves, it shouldn't be an issue.
- Yes, what the hell are we gona teach our young generation
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- This is some thing that should not be allowed in the parks for the benefit of other people in the park
- It's happening already. Enforce laws drunk and disorderly and littering laws but leave those not disturbing others or damaging property alone.
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- No
- Alcohol can bring out the worse in people especially when they are drinking uncontrollably over a period of many hours while chilling in the park
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- No
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- Yes, I do not think this is a good idea because most picnics are with family and friends so I think liquor shouldn't be involved with the family time
- I have no desire to be around alcohol consumption or people drinking. No to alcohol consumption in parks.
- It should not be allowed so that people can enjoy the parks and the nature. Alcohol always leads to violence and we don't want that in our parks.
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- No. We should have done it a long time ago. People that are a safety concern after drinking already exist in the city. Just because people would be allowed to drink in public parks does not mean everyone is going to become a safety concern.
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- Unnecessary. Opens a can of worms, takes away from the family environment/nature of parks.
- A lot of other countries do this already, if we want to be seen as more progressive we should take steps to show trust in citizens.
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- Young adults will totally take advantage of this. I would have.
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- This is a very dumb idea. This encourages drinking and driving as well as drinking and cycling.
- underage drinking
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- Absolutely not necessary
- Liquor should not allowed in picnic sites in parks
- It's unsafe on so many levels.
- No
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- No
- No. Per my answers above liquor consumptions should be allowed everywhere.
- Why? Shouldn't matter what other cities do. More concerns with drinking and driving. No restraint for adults consuming alcohol.
- This has been the law in Australia for a long time. Adults may enjoy a glass of wine or beer with their picnic. Adult freedoms that don't negatively impact themselves or others should be allowed.
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- If you are going to allow liquor consumption in public parks then you HAVE TO allow Cannabis consumption as well, otherwise the double standard and hypocrisy is glaringly evident.
- Alcohol should not be allowed anywhere in parks.
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- Concerned about normalizing the use of an illicit substance. As a health care provider, concerned about those not using liquor responsibly as well as underage drinking. Concerned with risky behavior associated with drinking dui,disorderly conduct,
- need to make it easy for people to clean up after themselves and not have broken bottles (glass) left behind
- It's unlikely that allowing consumption would increase unruly behavior - people who want to drink and be unruly are already doing it, while those who are law abiding are not free to have a simple beer or cider at a picnic.
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- Another reason not to use the parks.
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- The law should only be valid during daytime hours
- No
- Damage to property
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- This increases more violence in public places. Once liquor is allowed, then people will start consuming cannabis.

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- I prefer not to be around people who have been drinking, wherever I am.
- no
- Liquor isn't the problem, its the person who is drinking who is the issue. There are many countries and cities that have it in their public places with no issues. Punish the drinking not the drink.
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- Only concern would be the privilege being abused by certain people.
- No.
- No
- No people can do it in Europe it's mainly fine.
- No other comments
- I'm concerned that people are going to charge extra for the right to consume liquor in a park as hinted in the above question. You know people are already drinking in parks, right?
- no to booze in parks
- We need to be less uptight with liquor laws
- Might need more resources out into recycling and waste bins.
- Most covered in #2 question, plus it would set precedent for successful legal challenges against the cannabis use ban.
- Simply allowing it will encourage open consumption by trouble makers
- No.
- We sit by the river a lot in the summer and I always think it's crazy bylaw is down there writing tickets to responsible consumers. There are always instances of people who have over consumed and those should be the focus of bylaws efforts.
- Good job on the city for exploring this idea.
- no
- Thank u for considering loosening laws. Law making should focus on problem behaviour, not preventing the possibility of problem behaviour.
- Being able to recycle my cans/bottles so having revelling bins would be fantastic.
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- Yes
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- It's not necessary to enjoy the park.
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- Only that people would leave trash around (just like in camping situations). I think if a credit card was required to book these sites, then have a fee that must be paid if not cleaned up, that might help prevent the issue.
- I do not want liquor consumption in open or public places
- No concerns at all.
- It would require a monitor as not all people behave responsibly. that costs \$\$, and does increase city liability.
- Should not allow any public park which families & kids mostly comes to the park and free from unwanted challenges
- I dont want my kids to see people consuming liquor at public picnic sites.
- See all comments above. I do not understand why people think alcohol will improve a family outdoor experience.
- N/A
- Please do not allow liquor in city parks.
- I have no concerns about consuming liquor in parks. I don't see why someone would pay to book a picnic site. I already pay taxes that help pay for our parks.
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- Not very good
- My concerns all in question 2.
- Safety is the key
- No
- You will find people that abuse things in all facets of life. Will some people over-indulge? Absolutely. Does that mean the 99.9% of the population has to suffer with these outdated laws?
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- I don't believe the City should condone consumption of liquor in public, public drunkenness, and so on. This is a huge liability. Councilors who endorse this change should be financially liable to the legal costs that arise.
- This is aloud everywhere else and it doesn't cause big problems. People should be able to make their own responsible choices.
- I think this is a great way to get more people outdoors and active
- Why encourage more public liquor consumption which can lead to many other public concerns for safety?
- none whatsoever
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- Why stop at designated picnic sites in parks? I would like to see a more liberal approach taken to enjoying an alcoholic beverage in public.

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- Good idea.
- Going on a picnic is such a wonderful, wholesome activity that brings families and friends together over food and activities. Why do we need to add alcohol into that setting, where you have lots of children and teens. Alcohol is totally unnecessary here!
- I think it's a fantastic idea and I think we've behind the times by not allowing it. It will combat private use, which in turn make it safer.
- Should be extended to all parks, not just some areas
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- None yet
- The people that would be drinking would be the 'partiers' and they would drink until they are drunk. They could be using a 'firepit' when they are drunk, they could be loud and obnoxious..Leave the parks to the families to enjoy and not the 'partiers'.
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- So many other countries allow it, and they haven't burned down. Why not us as well.
- It's better to keep the parks the way they are with respect to liquor stand.
- Just do it. Get out of the dark ages.
- Just litter as mentioned before.
- It should not be allowed at any cost due to concerns of safety and security of other citizens
- People are already having the occasional beer or glass of wine at picnics and public green spaces. I don't see any problem with this. What I don't want to see happen is really public intoxication. Therefore, enforcement is key.
- I think I've expressed my opinions above.
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- Please do not allow drinking in parks.
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- Any city official supporting consumption of liquor in parks will lose my vote. Please leave our parks to enjoyed as they are currently - well used family venues. There are plenty of other licensed venues including the home for those who want a drink.
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- Please, please don't allow it. People are increasingly unable to control consumption, and many drunk people are aggressive. This puts everyone around them at risk. If we want to foster an env for kids to be out doors, dont put them in danger.
- Increased garbage disposal location would be needed. Clear guidelines posted.
- It's either all allowed or none. Don't screw around with this concept.
- no, as there is already alcohol consumption in my park now.
- No concerns. Obviously people who are causing a disturbance should be delt with, but there are already bylaws in place to do that.

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- I think this is a great idea. I would like to see it go into play. However, I would hate for people to abuse it and would like to know how the city would monitor it.
- How would it be regulated and policed?
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- No. Binge drinking occurs anywhere if it occurs at all. Limiting one persons places to have an alcoholic beverage is silly
- None
- I would like to see a Parks Code of Conduct including respectable alcohol consumption where we agree to non-anti social behaviour where random ID checking can be done. Also, include tele numbers for taxi/uber in event of being unfit to operate a vehicle.
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- Our parks are well attended now, why on earth would try to fix what isn't broken.
- SIMPLY PUT NO WAY SHOULD LIQUOR BE ALLOWED IN PUBLIC SPACES
- I think it's worth a shot for the city to try it out and see.
- The city has plenty of venues for drinking, including private residences. There are a limited number of places where people and families can relax and play.
- Drinking is a private business and should be done at home. Think about those families who are not exposing minors to liquor and you are using parks for them, it is not fair et all
- No
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- Question 2 where 6 boxes are checked show the negative impact of having alcohol consumed in parks.
- No
- unruly behaviour, garbage, and possibly some minor vandalism. There would definitely need to be adequate patrolling and enforcement.
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- ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!
- Why can't children be on a family outing without the consumption of liquor? There are times when liquor does not need to be present. Parks are one of them. Why do so many people have alcohol problems? Because it surrounds them.
- There are far too many places now to consume liquor, I think this is a really poor idea With all the advocacy around impaired driving, family time is about hanging out with your family, not getting wasted and trying to drive your family home!!
- I think activities that include liquor are dangerous making the cities / tax payers liabilities too high
- The average person who wants to drink publicly generally is someone who will not drink responsibly

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- There are tons of people at Edworthy Park in the summer - mostly families. This is no place for liquor.
- Drinking & driving is a concern. Also people's drinking getting out of hand. We all know people who are fine with 1-2 drinks then get loud and inebriated. I'd hate to deal with that in public.
- No
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- No
- Why can't we just go enjoy our parks without Liquor or Drugs! At one point in history that didn't seem to be a problem. Concern about increased police presence at parks, new time lapse drinking laws, police state, no bartender to cut drunk users off.
- maybe it should be restricted by numbers of people, like 2 beers per person, etc.
- Think it is a terrible idea. Enforcement resources are limited now and this will only strain resources to deal with other bylaw issues. It is not necessary to consume alcohol to enjoy a picnic. Parks will become party zones and make them unsuitable.
- Litter would be a problem
- No liquor
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- I think that it is already happening. Let's get it out in the open and let people act like adults.
- The increase in homeless individuals being in the parks.
- I think this is not in the public's best interest. There is no need for liquor consumption in public parks.
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- Drunk idiots, but they'd probably be there anyway. Don't punish the responsible people.
- People have probably always done so (I know I have), they just had to hide it and risk reprisal for doing so. I am not worried about any negative side effects although signage reminding some that it is not a free for all may be good messaging
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- No
- A totally bad idea introducing liquor consumption in any kind of recreational area. Defeats the reason of getting out and being in nature.

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- I would only pay to have alcohol for a large multi family site not a single picnic table.
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- Please do not allow this to happen
- No
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- There will be the obvious concern with litter, so increased receptacles may be required.
- The city needs to be come more progressive with simplified things such as these.
- A mojour concern is children
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- Drinking is a social private event and should not be allowed in public. Any such picnic site will have more chances of violent behavior and minors will not be safe at such public places.
- No. Those who might cause problems are likely already ignoring the prohibition against alcohol today and will cause issues no matter what.
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- Please consider adopting a policy like Montreal. The way people use their outdoor space and this , over years, has transformed the way people interact with each other. Stop making this a money grab. We need more FREE non-transactional spaces in the city.
- Do it.
- This is a terrible idea. What we will get is a bunch of loud drunks, which will make the parks not suitable for families.
- I don't see any benefit of this to the general public
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- Everyone ignores the bylaw anyway.
- I think it's a terrific idea but their needs to be rules and regulations (cant drink after dark or whatever) and patrolled for people who take advantage of this privilege.
- I assume that canabis use would come along for the ride with liquor use - I am also against that in public places. Already I am setting canabis packaging littering the streets in places!
- Would be nice to allow the same options for Cannabis.
- In Europe it is acceptable and adults should the choice to have a drink or not while having a picnic. Drink and driving laws still apply
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- Please be mindful of the fact that liquor hinders to little or to more on a persons brain and can damage a normal persons ability to behave appropriately. That's why no liquor shall be allowed anywhere in public places with families.
- Great idea.

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- It will increase the violence
- if someone is having a gathering where they wish to have liquor they can book a private venue.
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- No concerns, alcohol consumption is allowed in most of the world
- No
- I don't see too much changing by allowing the consumption of liquor. The people that were drinking are still going to drink and the people that weren't are still not going to.
- I'm concerned about loud, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour. I've seen beer cans and liquor bottles left at some sites already so I worry about a party scene where the sites are littered and not treated with respect. I worry for my children to be exposed
- I'm concerned this is a money grab. It should not be charged. Eating at using the parks picnic areas is free. It shouldn't matter whether alcohol is responsibly consumed.
- Public spaces have always (in theory) been a safe space for people who suffer from alcoholism. If you allow it you are taking away one of our only safe spaces in an already alcohol-centred society.
- Public parks are for everyone!!
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- This is a major problem as it increases danger with bringing children to parks as well. Increased amount of threat and danger to children
- I don't want my family exposed to drinking or drunks or alcohol
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- Yes, I am concerned about inebriation in parks and related problems. This has the potential to diminish the quality of park usage.
- Drinking and driving /floating
- Exposure to children seeing their parents drinking. Drinking and driving or being drunk while going on boats where children are. Everyone would be in danger if you add drinking at any park within Alberta.
- we used to be able to do this until the city gave up on enforcing laws of the time when necessary, finding it easier to simply apply a broad brush total ban which failed to stop those that were the original problem
- I believe liquor should be allowed everywhere in the park.
- Very short sighted and silly.
- A concern I have is picnic sites will be tied up for long periods of time because some will just sit and drink longer than they would if no liquor was present.
- No, nothing that can be applied across the spectrum. I believe we should be able to make mistakes before we are penalized for actions we have yet to commit. Legalize it and react.
- No

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- A bottle/can drop for recycling would be a good way to keep things clean as well as it would pay for itself with the deposit money.
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- As long as patrons are behaving that is ok, Police and bylaw work will be increased
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- This is done elsewhere in the world with no problems.
- That's all we need is more drunks. You should Go to the campgrounds on weekends. Absolutely disgusting
- Reasons outlined in answer to #2
- Away from playgrounds possibly.
- It's a great idea worth pursuing. Biggest concern would be public intoxication and disorderly conduct, which should be the focus of enforcement efforts.
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- The bylaw should not be complicated. If the city acknowledges that adults should be able to consume alcohol legally in a responsible manner in public parks (as the province does), commit to making all sites available for alcohol consumption.
- See answer to #4, plus public urination and vomiting, local residents having to do clean-up on their properties, trespass, noise, broken glass, altercations between drunks. This is NOT a great idea because, unfortunately, people don't know how to behave.
- Don't do it
- No concerns. It should definitely be allowed.
- Please keep our parks child friendly.
- Please move on this initiative, I see no reason for the present restrictions.
- See #3.
- Good idea.
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- Yes, it is not possible to keep disorderly conduct spilling over into the other picnic sites because there would be no security. Could cause child endangerment
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- nope
- yes as reflected above. Lots of places to drink now
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- How do you enforce? What if a guy finishes his burger and is just sitting there finishing up his beer? Does he have to stop drinking since he is no longer eating? Who will prove that he was eating before he started to drink? Opening a can of worms here
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- I don't like it
- No, if people abuse it, deal with it like other public behaviour.
- Is weed going to be legal in the same setting if not dont bother
- If this trend started then other drugs for sure be started afterwards... And people follow like jumping the bandwagon, please please don't start this...
- No, it happens already.
- As with all things, some people will abuse the system (likely already are so sunk cost) and I believe the vast majority will enjoy this privilege responsibly.
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- Just to reiterate, if the city decides to allow alcohol consumption it should be available to everyone not just people who can afford it.
- Liquor should be allowed in parks.
- No
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- It should Not be allowed it's I appropriate!
- I do not agree with this proposal. Alcohol should not be allowed in public parks where kids might be enjoying their time outside. Kids and families should feel safe and not worry about disorderly behavior that may be present due to alcohol consumption.
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- If some picnic sites are designated for liquor consumption we will have way less sites available
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- Raging out of control parties and general degradation of parks. Public drunkenness. And of course all that will make Calgary a walking city.
- In theory, I really like this idea. I'd love for responsible people to be able to enjoy alcohol in public like this. I think designated spots would be better. I worry about young/irresponsible adults who will ruin it for the bunch.
- Many.
- Everyone thought that more accidents would happen from cannabis legalization and it did not. The same with liquor consumption in parks. Nothing will change except people will want to enjoy those spaces more than they are now.
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- Why would you have to book something? I'd just want to show up to the park with booze
- I have no problem with alcohol consumption in any public place. Whether a park, a bar, or a restaurant won't make a difference to the intent. Someone can overconsume in any location. The majority of people respect their limits and would enjoy having a drink.
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- Who cares if people consume liquor, it's so backwards to have it banned. As long as you're not getting wasted it's fine. That's what public intoxication tickets are for. I don't even drink!!!
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- Not necessary
- it is a bad idea.
- I think it should definitely be allowed.
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- Biggest concern is non-responsible behavior leading to park safety, drinking and driving. We have a lot of kids and families around parks as pedestrians. It seems too big of a risk to put everyone including non-drinkers and responsible drinkers at risk.
- Charging more for an area that allows liquor is [removed]. Don't do it.
- Should not be allowed
- A few apples can ruin the experience for others. Children will be exposed potentially to more abusive language and behaviour. Could result in more disorderly conduct if the one or two hours prior to closing as most families are gone by then.
- Look at how France does it.
- It should not be allowed in parks whatsoever. They have their place which is in the pubs in their houses. And the clubs let it stay there please
- For all of the above checked reasons I have concerns. Will there be some kind of monitoring for bylaw compliance?
- Who will guarantee that the drunk people will refrain from coming to the other sites in the park
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- Currently people are bringing drinks to picnic sites, although the ones that know keep it out of site. This would allow folks to not feel like criminals while enjoying the outdoors.
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- No.
- Concern is shady behavior. And trashing of park spaces
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- It's time to allow people an opportunity to enjoy a drink responsibly in a public setting. There are already laws in place to deal with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and littering, and people should be expected to behave accordingly.
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- These types of more relaxed liquor laws work very well in Europe and some US states. It's time we got over our puritanical roots.
- Increased recycling receptacals would help prevent litter
- I don't think it needs to be a designated picnic site, it should just be open in the park.
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- Please do not destroy the beautiful parks of Calgary by allowing open consumption of alcohol
- No concerns.
- No
- For those who can drink in moderation and be responsible it would be great. However I think the majority of people would drink too much, too often. It will be abused.
- Liquor should NOT be consumed in parks. Many people become loud and obnoxious when consuming liquor. Large groups of young people, who do not have their own houses in which they can host parties, would move the parties to the public parks.
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- what message does this send to kids? People who can't control themselves could become dangerous and endanger our children
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- Bad idea
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- yes, mostly around the potential for parties or other disruptive behaviour. I like the concept in the context of picnics and backyard-like BBQ gatherings. the hours should be restricted such as prior to 8 or 9 pm
- No
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- I am vehemently against any kind of drinking in public, this is one more stupid idea that this council has put forth in recent years. More garbage, unrulyconduct, fights, taking police away from real crimes broken glass === really do you have to ask
- No.
- You will always have people abusing the system (litter, excessive consumption). Essential to have enforcement or at least some oversight
- It would be nice if there were bottle recycling bins accessible as this would aid in keeping areas clean
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- I grew up in a country where alcohol is part of the culture. And if we can avoid intoxication, I have no issues with public consumption.
- This is not a NEED that people have. Liquor doesn't make things more fun. It makes things more dangerous with unruly behaviour and would increase the amount of garbage in our parks
- It is not necessary, and will add costs that will likely not be recovered
- What will be the next location where liquor consumption will be wanted and where will it end?
- Only concern is around enforcement and drinking then driving...will this place undue pressure on police etc. I don't think it will increase public intoxication and police can always be contacted if there's an issue...even nowadays
- As long as the public remains responsible I think it is our right to be able to drink in public
- Save our future generation (kids)
- None at this time
- Yes - increase in disruptions. Dangerous when kids are around and drinking and driving
- This should have happened years ago. Let responsible adults have their freedom.
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- designated sites should be adequately separated from the dry sites just to avoid any potential issues with other park users, and adequate recycling and garbage receptacles should be provided to keep messes to a minimum
- once intoxicated it will be difficult to contain people in any specific areas. it should not be allowed at all
- Please let the people be free we are tired of being oppressed by the government.
- no concern, should be allowed
- Please do not overly police this. We need to not live in a nanny state.
- For goodness sake, sober up City administrators! Liquor should NOT be allowed in parks. Soon the only place people will be able to go without being surrounded by parties will be private homes.
- No
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- No concerns.
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- Who's going to control people if they get dangerous or out of hand? who's going to pick up broken glass and garbage around the sites? And who's going to pay for it? I certainly am not willing to pay!
- Why City will like to allow liquor in the park don't see any benefit
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- Plz don't. It's a safety hazard for all.
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- Should be allowed at all parks, with no special license or restrictions

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- I can't believe that this issue is even seeing the light of day for discussion. NO ALCOHOL in public parks should be standard policy including designated picnic sites. What? People can't survive without it for an afternoon??
- lets do it
- No concerns. Allowing consumption of liquor at parks would normalize responsible consumption and create a healthier relationship with alcohol, increase civic engagement and make Calgary a more enjoyable place to live.
- Just as question #2
- It shouldn't be allowed anywhere for public safety.
- Some concerns with cleaning up of bottles
- I don't think liquor consumption in public parks ought to be considered in the first place. The negatives outweigh any positives.
- No
- no - it will be a great fun summer activity for many people. Having police supervision to make sure nothing is out of hand will be important though.
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- Be nice to have recycle bins for empties.
- I am concerned with idiots who will abuse alcohol. Maybe have a help button or phone in areas where alcohol is allowed just in case. Overall I think this would be great.
- Total unnecessary. Parks are for everyone including children. I would support events licensed for limited alcohol consumption.
- Yes I have concern because small kids are playing in the park and they can have negative impact.in my suggestion local government should spend time to create new jobs instead of wasting time on these use less things.bcz everyone is not interested in it.by
- Biggest concern would be drunk disorderly people. It would be fine if there were some sort of way to have the place secured
- I do not think introducing liquor in parks would increase behaviour that doesn't already exist. People drink in the parks all the time they just hide it. I'm Montana, a very liberal state allows open alcohol on their streets and beaches. Not enough space!
- I believe that liquor consumption should not be limited to designated picnic sites. Limiting it to specific areas is arbitrary and adds a level of regulation that is unnecessary. Police/bylaw can enforce drunk/disorderly, they don't need to enforce this.
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- Make sure recycling is near by! No littering!
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- Yes. Respects families kids
- it's about time.

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- Just ensure that people don't get too rowdy.
- none other then drinking and driving
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- Yes, I have safety concerns
- Don't allow it please.
- I do consume liquor but can go without it
- My only concern is the puritanical busybodies that want to tell people what to do when they either have no, or shouldn't have any authority to do so.
- There is a possibility of increased garbage however they should add more trash cans as they seem to be few and far between at many locations as is
- It would be nice to allow liquor consumption at the parks. People abusing it and being excessively loud would be a concern.
- As above - it'll be cannabis next and then we don't have child friendly spaces.
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- Needs to be allowed
- I worry that some people would abuse the privilege
- I hope this city moves forward with legalizing drinking in parks to move forward in public taking responsibility for themselves.
- would like to see proper waste disposal - with waste, recycling and compost
- Ensure proper recycling bins are available and accessible in parks.
- I am concerned about the wildlife and natural habitats in the area, littering, disorderly behavior. leave your booze at home
- Needs to be enforcement of drunk and disorderly behaviour.
- No
- No.
- Need to make sure areas to dispose of cans are nearby.
- Making sure glass and other waste isn't an issue.
- No. If it is public then people won't be hiding it. Have it out in the open so police can regulate consumption.
- Parks are one of the few places I can take my kids, I do not want to run into safety issues when kids at play and could not be more strongly against it.
- No - as long as everyone cleans up after themselves!
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- there are a number of concerns about what constitutes a meal. does a group of people with one burger and a six pack qualify
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- keep in mind, allowing liquor in parks means allowing marijuana to be smoked in public. This is not acceptable either.
- Answered in question 2.
- It shouldn't be allowed
- Why charge people, when you bring your own drink?
- While you are at it, why don't you legalize smoking on these sites.
- This should be a no-brainer. Everywhere in the world you can drink in a public park except North America. It's time to change this antiquated law.
- Enforcement of rules would require more staff. I've been told the City only has a handful of bike bylaw officers and has no money to erect signs about proper etiquette on the bike path and hasn't updated the bike bell bylaw. How can this be taken on?
- I think it should be a trial at a few major parks. It should be monitored so that people follow the rules.
- Free access to sections of parks would be nice
- People may use those sites for a drinking place rather than a for a picnic. If people get to intoxicated it may create some security problems. Also, disorderly behavior is a real issue.
- Don't allow it to become a pretext for police to harass people more than they already do.
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- People drinking too much is the obvious one, but honestly, if someone wants to drink in public they're going to regardless of the law/rules. They just put it into a non-descript container instead.
- I think it's a good way to encourage people to get out and use these beautiful spaces we have available to us as calgarians!
- In the beginning people may take advantage of it and over indulge. Possibly after it become normalized it would become more akin to countries that allow public drinking: it's commonplace and not something to take advantage of
- How will it be monitored
- This shouldn't be limited to picnic sites. It should include all park spaces where people convene to relax and meet friends and family.
- none
- If there are limitations or rules, how would they be enforced?
- No
- No
- This will promote more degenerate behaviour in the public which will lead to more crime.
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- Increase the crime

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- My concerns are around around losing the family environment. I've been in European cities where you can walk down the street with a beer. It is nice to have the option to enjoy a drink. However, I would hate to lose the relaxing nature of a park.
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- It's about time.
- All the concerns mentioned above to not allow the liquor free parks
- Allow it.
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- Liquor should not be promoted or allowed, as it can be misuse and as an excuse for inappropriate behaviours.
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- License a beer garden or open air pub. Do not make drinking in public spaces the norm.
- litter, broken bottles, drug use and unkind behavior
- People should be allowed to do things they like, it is not fair that if you are responsible you are not allowed, irresponsible people they do it regardless
- No.
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- Concern per selections
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- No- I think it is a gear idea and will cut down on cops needing to spend time looking for people drinking when their time could be better spent responding to more serious situations.
- No I think people will be responsible. The people who are not responsible probably do it already anyways, therefore there would already be problems.
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- none
- Avoid sites in the downtown core. Try to prevent homeless individuals from hanging around these locations to try to obtain alcohol.
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- It's not a right approach for a family park to consume alcoholic beverages/alcohol there
- should be increased security
- Have appropriate enforcement in place.
- No
- My only worry is the privilege to make this choice may be abused by some people.

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- I am dead against the decision of consuming liquor in park areas
- Possibly we should have heightened park patrol... to ensure no public indecency or disruption.
- I am concerned about the increase need to police behaviour and educate public, concerned about excessive consumption and litter. I don't really see who benefits except the very active craft brewery lobby in Alberta. Why is this even being discussed?
- Kids we'll be exposed to non convenient behaviours and this May affect their safety
- I'm a responsible adult. I would cherish the opportunity to enjoy our parks responsibly. There are other laws in place to govern behaviour without criminalizing an act. I think it would add a cosmopolitan flair to our town.
- I do not anticipate significant behavioural concerns should alcohol be allowed. Those looking to cause disturbances will do so whether legal or not.
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- It is good if 100% of the drinkers are responsible, but we all know that's impossible
- Yes a lot
- Liquor in picnic sites in parks will result in more clean up issues and more policing costs. I will not be voting for any council member who supports having liquor in public parks.
- No. I believe this has worked well in other cities (such as Montreal), let's follow suit!
- As I already mentioned, I believe (hope) we are all adult enough to enjoy alcohol publicly and not abuse it, clean up after ourselves, and not make a scene. Those who would already do those things anyways and that's a whole different issue.
- It already happens so why not
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- Many people are already doing this but in a concealed way. I think opening it up allows people not to be so secretive and worried. However I think it is important there are some guidelines around it for safety- around behavior, types of bottles etc
- I believe adults should be allowed to socially drink at picnic sites and parks responsibly, instead of choosing a bar, patio etc. It exposes people who want to drink regardless but hide it. This should not be something adults need to hide from police etc.
- It would be a lovely idea if people could always be counted on to be pleasant and polite, but unfortunately that is highly unrealistic without close supervision.
- Police have enough to do and don't need this added possible responsibility.
- As commented above, I think a reasonable amount of enforcement will need to accompany this. This is because the potential for abuse seems greater and more quantifiable than the benefits, which are more intangible.
- Yes, I think some people may take it too far and ruin it for others and would also be concerned with the increased potential of people drinking and driving.

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- It would be nice to feel freedom to be trusted to drink in parks rather than being confined to a private home but I do see the point that some people will ruin it because of the need to go overboard and cause a ruckus for everyone
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- No concerns. Free public consumption like Europe and Asia
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- as ever, it will be the badly behaved few who will spoil it for the majority.
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- As above all reason there should be no liquor in parks
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- I'm concerned that this will open new doors in conjunction with the new drinking and driving laws. Now I can be enjoying a beer in the park and anyone could call the police on me and I have to give a breath test. I think it's a trap.
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- Yes, it would be chaotic. Liquor in public places especially picnic sites should never be allowed. If liquor is allowed, our children will be exposed to it and a trend will follow. Children will be exposed to drunk individuals and disorderly behaviour.
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- There is already liquor consumption.
- As long as a person or groups actions aren't disturbing other it shouldn't be an issue.
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- do not allow consumption of liquor or alcohol in public spaces
- Make it more generic. Open it up to all of the parks and related areas.
- Yes, no matter how small and hidden a park is some innocent population still run the risk of exposure.
- No
- I feel ALL parks should be free to drink in. No bookings, no usage fees, and ALL parks should not sell alcohol. If people want to drink at a park or in a picnic location they should bring their own alcohol to consume. These parks should be 18+ only.
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- My greatest concern is a potential increase in disorderly behaviour.
- I fully support this initiative and expect it would result in behavior like that seen in Europe, where adults regularly consume and enjoy alcohol responsibly in public. This change is long overdue.
- None
- Concerns would be public drunkenness. If it could turn out to be like we see in Europe it would be terrific!!

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- No
- Prior to the 1970's you could not even order liquor in restaurants and we got along fine. Nowadays, it seems that you need to have a drink wherever you go. I am definitely against it.
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- We do not want our children to expose to it. Increase risk of drunk driving. Danger for the safety of vulnerables specially kids and women.
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- Broken glass. Big issue
- none
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- People can smoke at picnic sites (though only at designated areas) and people look at that as being much worse, especially for kids in the area! If, for example, there was a 2 drink limit ot something at these sites, I feel it would be manageable
- It has worked in europe for years; lets give it a try here.
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- Main concern is additional waste and possible litter. Additional recycling may be necessary.
- I would be concerned about teens or homeless people drinking at a picnic site, but since that's already happening now I guess it wouldn't be much of a concern
- Managing the quantity some people consume. Perhaps hard liquor should not be consumed in parks. A bottle of wine is fine, a bottle of vodka is not.
- I am sure cannabis will be consumed by some, probably illegally in parks at least we can do is provide a registered alcohol consumption picnic area in parks with food only.
- City Parks should be the last of the few remainng sanctuaries from alcohol and drugs and i am a social drikker
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- I think this pilot project is a fantastic idea and I am fully supportive of this initiative.
- No
- Enough with cannabis to now come with this idea.
- Only if people got out of hand, but generally having a drink or two at an afternoon bbq doesn't get crazy. I have a concern that a full meal needs to be consumed - there are bars that don't even serve full meals but serve alcohol.
- I've visited parks in Montreal and Europe that allow consumption of liquor at picnic sites, and all of the parks were very busy and everyone was responsibly enjoying themselves. There's no problem with it there, and we should allow it here.

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- If you allow it in public parks, then legally you must allow it in all public areas. It is allowed in parks in San Francisco and sometimes with violent results.
- Most Calgarians would drink alcohol responsibly however there are always a few who will abuse the privilege. There would be an increase of intoxicated drivers after their picnicing.
- No it should be allowed.
- No
- Public drunkenness, but no more so than before.
- No
- I think it would be nice. I am sick of living in a Nanny State where we need to be force fed everything, like our Mayor routinely does.
- This is very bad idea.
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- About time!
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- Increased costs of possible damage, safety patrolling.
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- Many country's/cities allow this and have for a very long time with little problems!!
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- Recycling, that's it. But the city of calgary should offer some specific bins/containers for empty beverage containers. Better for the environment than tossing them in the garbage.
- I would like to see recycling bins in the parks beside the garbage bins
- How would it be 'policed?'
- No.
- Yeah. Do not allow it!
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- People will have to responsible
- It's about time... we are making this into a much bigger deal than it should be.
- None.
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- Potential for public intoxication and driving under the influence
- I think all sites should allow consumption of liquor, but that public drunkenness should be what is cracked down on. Most people are not rowdy jerks, but those rowdy jerks should be dealt with separately so that everyone else can have a glass of wine.
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- No concerns.

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- No
- I believe it will need to be monitored by city of calgary employees as some people cannot handle the responsibility.
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- I don't think it should be allowed. I think the risk of increased drunk and disorderly behaviour is not worth it. Children shouldn't be exposed to alcohol consumption.
- Yes it's bad
- Just potential littering and some people who abuse their rights and drink way too much
- In my opinion, liquor should not be consume at any picnic sites.
- Yes, as a society do we need to promote/allow alcohol consumption everywhere? Look no further than campgrounds on May long weekend .
- None
- Yes I have: first - our kids don't want/don't know how to play outside anymore, then we legalize weed, later we allow to drink alcohol in parks, some time after - you look around and all the good things about living in Canada and being a Canadian are gone
- Yes, it is not safe . It will increase in numbers of accidents and bad behaviour .It will have negative impact on kids
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- some people cannot stop drinking, and may be harmful for themselves and others around
- Please no no liquor come on
- No.
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- We all do it anyway. The only times I have ever used a picnic site I was drinking booze anyway regardless of if I would get a fine. So might as well make it legal and stop treating adults like little kids.
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- I would be concerned about people with alcohol abuse problems drinking at sites and causing trouble or people littering and causing destruction to the picnic site.
- Yes, alcohol and cannabis should NOT be allowed in parks.
- Huge concern about drink and drive, unacceptable behavior in public.
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- I would hope that there would be more recycling bins so that people don't litter their empty cans/bottles.
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- Asking for trouble.
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- This is a positive step that reflects our current culture, which reflects current world standards.
- Don't forget cannabis. Calgary went draconian, prohibition 2.0, and its a big [removed] you to all cannabis users who would otherwise not be breaking the law.
- Perhaps signage reminding people of their duty to consume alcohol responsibly at the sites and a number to call to report inappropriate alcohol consumption would be a good idea.
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- Why is the City even considering this. It is one of the worst ideas to even consider.
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- Go ahead! Make it free!
- Why isn't it all park areas??? It seems silly to only be trying to allow it in an area that are mostly used by families. Young adults that this would be most appealing for don't rent picnic tables, they go set up a blanket and enjoy nature that way
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- no
- If you want a park to become less desirable, then approve liquor consumption. All public / open parks that I have ever experienced with this perceived benefit devolve into problem areas. We already have a trash problem in the parks - why make it worse?
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- Postal Code as a way to decide where a pilot project would or would not be is maybe not the best application for "destination parks" as they could be used by a wider audience. But I get/support looking at how it would impact neighbouring communities.
- how to control over-consumption, drinking and driving
- I feel that kids should not be exposed to people drinking when they are playing
- this idea took to long to come up, and the proposed changes don't go far enough to remove misguided religious overreach into private daily life. anyone of legs age can drink in most public places in Europe. being drunk is bad, drinking is not.
- No concerns. I believe that exposing people to responsible alcohol consumption is actually beneficial. Then it doesn't become a secretive thing to be done privately and irresponsibly. See Germany as a good example of public alcohol consumption laws.
- My biggest concern would be those without common sense/courtesy. Alcohol generally brings the noise level up and increases obnoxious behaviour if drank in excess. I'm sure the majority would be fine but I'm also sure a large minority would not.
- Will the City enforce Check Stops for cyclists?
- There will always be concerns for a mass population, but I think its a start in the right direction to decrease binge drinking in young adults

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- no
- Nope.
- Parks are for all to enjoy and the more our city grows, the more families, all Calgarians, rely on our parks. One rowdy group in the park, which will be frequent with legal alcohol, disrupts the whole park. Visitors then have no recourse but to leave
- What is the definition of food? An entire meal? soup & sandwiches? Hot foods only? Bag of chips or two or three? The definition of food is vague. And must you drink while consuming? Can it be before or after? What will be the cost of monitoring.
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- Yes, as noted above. It is not necessary for the enjoyment of the outdoors.
- If you are a drunken disorderly then there is a fine, but if you are having a couple drinks with friends and family that doesn't hurt anyone. Don't let the degenerates ruin a good time for us hard working tax payers.
- Let it happen now.
- Drink driving
- Well, we already see drunk and high people. I do not need to see more of them and more of them leaving trash and broken bottle and drunk driving
- No
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- Drunkenness and rowdiness can be handled with other laws.
- It is a terrible idea as parks are public spaces and drinking should be prohibited in public spaces, especially areas where there are children.
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- I have been fortunate enough to travel to Germany and partake in the beer garden is that they have there. I Deleight, something like that would be fantastic to have in Calgary
- Please do not let people's unfounded fears influence the city's decisions. There are numerous cities around the world that allow alcohol that we can learn from.
- My only concern is litter, there needs to be enforcement of cleaning up after yourself, and there should definitely be obvious recycling options.
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- People for the most part are stupid and always ruin a good thing
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- It's unfortunate that a number of individuals will over-imbebe and make it a not so enjoyable for the other people in attendance.
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- Yessss im completely against it
- Not in favor at all, all parks and picnic areas should be free of drugs and liquor.
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- Over consumption and partying will wreck parks enjoyment
- None.
- Bad idea. Smoking weed should also remain prohibited in public.
- High penatly if someone get caught with liquor in public park.
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- NO
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- No. All good
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- Need enforcement to ensure proper clean up
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- No.
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- I do not support liquor being consumed at any park or site. I do support it as a money generator for the parks like Bowness, Pearce Estate where families/groups want to gather. However, the charges should reflect the perks to offsite any damage, cleanup
- Decent nations keep parks for recreation and relaxing purposes not to expose to drunk people, strongly reject this proposal
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- Liquor shouldn't allow in any parks or outside in public areas
- Liquor is something that people should have it in their own private space. Other people dont have to be around people who drink and than disturb those who are there to have a family day.
- I think it would be a great idea.
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- This is the most outrageous thing brought before the public. The City really needs to get focussed on the real items affecting Calgarians or are they hoping to keep them intoxicated so the city can do whatever they want.

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- This would be a very bad decision of government, I will never vote this government again !
- Increased potential for unsupervised alcohol around children's play areas, travel to and from the parks, increased public inebriation, increased injury in activities, disorderly behavior. Its a long list of concerns that don't offset the cost benefit.
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- Over consumption. So, still reinforcing that public drunkenness is not ok.
- Yes,my biggest concern is drunk people with behaviour issues and their risky behaviour may put other people ir individuals or women and girls using the park alone may,put their safety at risk.
- No
- People over consuming alcohol may interfere with cyclists in the area.
- Children
- Make sure there's people checking and if someone crosses the line gets fined
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- Let people live their lives.
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- Please don't allow liquor at parks or else many families and children will stop going and parks will become even more emptier.
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- I think after a while it would just become the norm.
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- None at all as liquor is already consumed in picnic sites and parks, despite the current state of the bylaw.
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- Just concerned about glass or plastics being left behind if people are irresponsible. Make responsible consumption allowed and have steep fines for littering
- I believe the city will see many more unsafe activities and younger people will be more likely to become involved in liquor consumption.
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- No
- No police enforcement. They barely respond now. There is a reason no liquor is allowed. I will not risk the safety of my family. One more thing that destroys the quality of life in this city.
- I'm extremely opposite to the idea of public drinking
- No concerns. It should be legal for people to have an alcoholic beverage anywhere in public as long as they are not disturbing others or causing problems.
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- Yes see above.
- No.
- No
- As usual, another progressive thin edge of the wedge idea. We don't need to drink in public city parks. There are plenty of bars, restaurants, homes and back yards available, as well as campsites away from the city
- I would like to see a 'no glass containers' rule to help keep parks safe for everyone.
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- Only concern is no moderation and an increase in drunk driving and safety concerns for families
- Main concern would be increased drinking and driving at the major parks, or the ones remote from communities
- A lot of people drink responsibly; a lot of people don't drink responsibly. So "no drinking picnic sites" is my preference. Q#2
- No
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- Yes - behavioural misconduct
- If people don't abuse this it could be a great thing for the city. We just need to encourage people to drink responsibly, as usual.
- My biggest comment would go to my previous response surrounding enforcement. Are additional bylaw officers or peace officers going to be detailed to enforcement, to ensure that people abiding by the rules are able to enjoy the spaces they have booked .
- What about cannabis?
- Litter is only concern
- Strict tolerance on litter and recycling
- I would hate to see litter or damage to parks as a result of alcohol consumption.
- There is no authority to control ill behavior due to excessive liquor use. So that is the biggest concern. I would not take a chance to be in the picnic site that allows liquor, as I don't want to spoil a family picnic.
- Concerned for safety of people who do not drink and concerned for city property. I've worked in security for 5 years and I know how people act when they get intoxicated and what they do to private property so I can only imagine when it is city property...
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- Risks of people abusing it and getting drunk in parks. This already is happening so i think if this goes through increased enforcement of disorderly conduct and people who are causing problems in the park.
- No hard alcohol allowed is fine. The only concern is of persons drinking to excess
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- None!
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- Think outside the box. Would public disorderly increase? Maybe at first. Is it a problem now? Let's talk to CPS. Would it get more people out using the spaces rather than going home to bbq and enjoy a drink or two.
- Garbage concerns. Will potential empties attract more homeless people?
- I have traveled all over the world. The vast majority of the planet treats people like responsible adults who are capable of consuming alcohol in public. The fact that the city seems to think we are incapable of this is insulting.
- Damage. Death. Drink driving. Inappropriate behavior in areas where children should be free to play safely. I'm sure some people know limited but others can't...
- Yes. It can only be at a few selected parks with mandatory police vigilance (presence) until such a time that disorderly conduct as a result of public drinking is no longer a threat.
- No concerns. I suspect some people will be concerned with empties being left behind, but it's no different with food. And many people are just sneaking liquor now, so it's better done legally.
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- No, there will always be people pushing it. You can't avoid that no matter the situation. I think it will encourage people to get outside even more and enjoy the beautiful city!
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- This should have always been allowed. It's perfectly normal to see this in much of the world where governments don't infantilize their citizens. Enough with the moral panic.
- People who are intoxicated are tend to behave inappropriately and I don't want children to see this behavior and think it is normal to be like this in public
- No
- Yes. I don't want minors to see people drinking and let the nature get destroyed.
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- Calgary should look at other cities that have this successfully and follow their lead, and not put unnecessary restrictions just for the sake of conservatism.

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- i think the proposed rules are suitable and good. permitting a moderate amount of drinking without intoxication is a good thing
- No. People who are going to be drunk in public are going to be drunk in public regardless of laws. This just allows the non trouble-makers a little more.
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- I believe this would be a fantastic idea for Calgary Parks.
- No.
- Yes to many as a father after city allow this no difference between clubs and parks one thing more no one going to clubs or bars and city not gonna make money from that business
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- Shouldn't be limited to just picnic sites should be allowed for parks in general
- Yes. Like I mentioned in my other comments. Society has enough trouble and risks with drinking and driving and disorderly conduct with current alcohol consumption site, I don't want my family exposed to it at public parks.
- No
- Too much micromanaging by the city. There is so few picnic tables so I do think picnic tables should be a requirement. More often then not when I am at a picnic the food is on the picnic table and you eat your meal while sitting on a lawn chair or grass
- It is about time we catch up to other major cities that are already allowing this
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- Really??? This is what the people at Silly Hall are using my tax money for?
- I think it's a bad idea. It just gives people permission to get drunk which always leads to more problems. I don't think public parks are the place for it.
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- No, just the concern that there be proper recycling facilities available for waste
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- Social gatherings have a beer are of less concern than the person consuming something hidden in a brown bag in front of my bank.
- The main concern I would have is people drinking too much or drinking and driving after. I think if it is within a reasonable limit it will only improve our park/picnic experiences.
- No I do not
- I think it is a great idea to allow drinking in parks.
- I hope this initiative goes through.

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- No
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- Looking forward to participating in the pilot project this summer!
- I think this is a great way to promote the outdoors in Calgary - a cheap way to enjoy a drink and food outside, with the ability to play a sport or do an activity. I also don't think liquor should be sold in the park as that may lead to over-consumption.
- Teenagers and children already try to get their hands on liquor, more exposition like only Increase their chances and theie wanting. The more exposition, the more children want liquor and thinks it's normal to drink it
- Should not be allowed. People can consume liquor within their homes or bars. There's places to do that and parks where kids like to play are not one of them.
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- Set rules and boundaries and there would be little problems
- Yes it should not be allowed in calgary parks
- No
- I have seen too much drunken rowdy behaviour, in Ontario picnic places and at University. In the Yukon at a favour 'party' spot, broken bottle littered everywhere. Only a minority would be elegantly drinking wine with their filet mignon.
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- It's simply not necessary. There are plenty of places for alcohol, our parks are not one of them
- You run many risks incl people walking to these venues & starting to drink on the way, often, that would mean drinking in communities. My family and I frequent a number of these sites. If this passes, we'd likely stop going at all, which would be a shame.
- Who will patrol the parks to make sure that things are not out of control? Increase of DUI's. Who will clean up after they leave? Look at campsites and the destruction and disrespect when drinking is allowed. Why would our parks be different.
- Bad idea. Majority might be responsible about it, but it's the ones that aren't that will put others in danger.
- Allowing drinking at picnic sites isn't going to change the amount of people who get drunk in public. it will just allow people who drink responsibly to enjoy their beverages in a more social location.
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- No.
- lets do this
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- This warrants public education. Consuming alcohol for brunch, lunch, dinner, or gathering of family/friends in a park is the same as in someone's backyard. This is not a binge fest or license for partying.

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- Ridiculous proposition!
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- My main concern is about broken glass - perhaps stipulate that the drinking vessel mustn't be breakable. This would allow wine in bottles as long as it's being consumed from a cup, and beer could be consumed straight from can or poured from bottle to cup
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- Lots of safety concerns to mention. I have seen how alcohol had suddenly changed a very recent person to an indecent one, both man and woman. The young generation is there too expecting us to model them how life should be.
- I feel sorry for any human that would ask for something like this to be accepted. All the bad that is happening on the earth is happening because of so many things that never used to be acceptable but now they are. It's like we are asking for trouble.
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- Please allow
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- I would be okay to limit drinking to certain parks, like recreation park areas like baseball diamonds or parks attached to beaches. Small playgrounds can be exempt.
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- Look after the dogs and their feces problem to improve parks. Who would police alcohol in parks? leave parks as they are. If you make this change you can never go back. All we need are drunks around kids and driving drunk in the parks parking lots
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- No.
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- No, I think this is a great initiative
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- We're adults and shouldn't live in such a nanny state. Concerns about e.g. drinking and driving, river safety etc. would be the same as before. It's the individual's responsibility, not the state's. You can't regulate stupidity.
- Remember we still have laws about disorderly conduct and minimum drinking ages so there won't be any problems. Let climb out of the prohibition era one step at a time.

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- Loud or obnoxious behaviour by some users would be the downside, but I think it would only be a tiny minority
- As long as recycling containers and pickup are well handled. I am annoyed by cigarret butts but bylaw no longer enfoces people throwing their butts everywhere.
- This is a bad idea and a terrible choice if the city decides to go through with it. The entire idea of parks is quiet and peacefulness, which is the opposite of what happens during alcohol consumption.
- I have concern of safety and roudy behaviour in public places.
- Drinking in any public picnic place should NOT be allowed.
- I believe there is a risk that this could go poorly, but hopefully it does not.
- Drunks - but I guess they already drink there.
- There are MANY more important issues in the city that need to be addressed. This is another diversion tactic. But we do not need to drink in public parks.
- Why is this even a debate? Why do we need to have more options for liquor drugs in the community? Where does it end? This is a choice that people have that should remain in their home; not in a public area with kids/families etc.
- I would also like to see liquor consumption allowed at outdoor activities (eg; folkfest) where you are not corralled into a fenced area. It should be allowed to sit in your festival seat and enjoy the music while sipping a libation.
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- This should not be allowed
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- The city will need to make it VERY clear what this would me ie Law Enforcement rights and bylaws/laws when drinking in parks.
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- Yes it is disgusting. Can people just learn to have fun with no crutches. To post such a thing tells me everything aviut city hall. Whats drinking on the job.
- Waste of public funds
- I think it's a great idea
- Generally in favour.
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- No

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- I see that this is just another tax grab by city hall charging for liquor permits for tables in parks at the expense of small businesses like patios
- Not really, as long as people are respectful to the park and the other patrons who are not interested in allowing or consuming alcohol.
- This should not be allowed at all. There is no need for this and enforcement would be a problem.
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- No, I think most people are responsible enough. If there's a concern there are cops around
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- No
- It should not be allowed legally.
- Interesting idea - however, the few bad apples will take advantage and abuse the privilege. We can not afford increased enforcement costs.
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- This is a boneheaded idea to allow liquor consumption and children in the same area. Parks are for families and children, not for partying. What is the impact to the city if someone drinks then drives, and then hits a child? Are you ok with that?
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- I thinks it's a bad idea.
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- I'm fine with people doing whatever they want as long as they don't disturb others. If they create a disturbance, charge them with disturbing the peace.
- I don't think it should be restricted
- Too many problems related to liquor consumption in parks and no real advantages.
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- Kids being exposed to more of this everywhere that they go. More drinking and driving.
- I think this should absolutely be approved, and even expanded to include parks in general. So many other places are doing this, and there is absolutely no evidence that it increases trouble. Let's get a head start on this, and lead the way for the rest.
- People drink in parks anyway. Stop wasting money trying to police that. Use the resources to make sure they're doing it responsibly and not drink driving
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- Should be open to all parks.
- It may make sense to ban liquor in certain hours to reduce potential downfalls like damage to the park. Maybe Liquor is prohibited from 10pm-10am or something.
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- The risk to over abuse is high and the risk of impaired driving is greater therefore a huge safety risk
- Have been to many countries that allow it, not sure why we think it will be an issue here.
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- Lots, people are people, but I'm a fan of freedom. I would be in favour of very serious repercussions/fines for people who act inappropriately
- No.
- monitor drinking and driving and public intoxication.
- no
- drinking should not be allowed in the public spaces specially where families are present with young kids!
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- Increased vagrancy and loitering. If you are going to proceed which I think you should I recommend you make a bylaw that states vagrancy and loitering are illegal.
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- I do not have concerns. In my experience. Picnic in the park tends to occur during early day or evening hours. Extended periods of intoxication are not likely as these picnic events are typically short or a kickoff to other activities.
- I don't understand why open liquor is okay in public areas. I am 23 and if I wanted to drink I would go to the club. I do not need to get hammered when there are kids around. I am also concerned over people littering, and because intoxicated from this
- none
- There will likely be conflicts between park users destroying the park serenity. Bylaw officers and CPS cannot manage their workload as it is and this would only make matters worse. People can go without an alcoholic beverage for the few hours.
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- Very concerned about children being exposed to alcohol consumption.
- Yes, this is a bad idea! If this is happened, then cannabis
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- No
- Of course I do! This is, to put it bluntly an idiotic idea. There is a reason it hasn't been allowed in the past. Increased glass and can litter. Less overall safety for everyone. Kids pets and adults. Life needs to be enjoyed in natural state not drunk
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- No
- I do not think is a good idea liquor in parks . Youth people will feel free to do it
- I have seen so many lives ruined by alcohol. Why are we encouraging this?

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- I've seen this work as previously mentioned and the parks were full of activity (soccer, fitness, frisbee, slack lines). It seems here in Calgary you can either stay home and have a drink or go to a restaurant and have a drink. Let's fill out parks too!
- Cleanup and people that abuse this. There is drinking that happens at parks currently usually by people that do not follow rules.
- If people want to drink they can do it at home, bars or restaurants. There are enough bottles and cans discarded in parks and green areas when it isn't allowed. Why would legalizing it be any different? People are incapable of policing them selves.
- None. Let it happen.
- All of the above
- I do not
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- No. Post safe usage policies clearly and allow adults to be adults.
- I don't see why we would have to be on a table and could not have a nice picnic on a tablecloth on grass. It should also be allowed
- there are so many places to consume alcohol - can't parks be safe and predictable spaces for people of all ages? That's why we restrict where people can consume mood-altering substances in the first place, isn't it?
- I do not.
- None, this is allowed in many parts of the world already and it is time for us to relax our lives
- too many make it uncomfortable for others
- No. With recent breathalyzer law changes I feel good about the change and I hope it becomes true.
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- Liquor consumption should not be allowed. There is No need to allow it!
- No.
- How do we live in such a backwards society where this is a problem.
- I have a lot of concerns.
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- N/a
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- I really think it's a good idea to be able to drink during a pick nick.
- There is absolutely no good reason to not allow this. Laws around public intoxication already stand to uphold orderly behaviour in a public place and aside from behavioural issues alcohol presents no other risk to public order or safety
- Needs to be very clearly spelled out where liquor is allowed.

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- The only concern would be that the city would need to dedicate more resources to monitor it.
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- How will consumption be monitored? On. Ice summer evenings you can bet on there being gatherings that will involve large amounts of alcohol being consumed. Police have enough to deal with in regards to drunk and disorderly behavior at the bars.
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- yes
- Yes, see above.
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- It must not be legalized at any cost.
- I strongly oppose legalization of liquor consumption in our city parks.
- It's not necessary, have a bbq at home and drink, if you are in a public space that allows minors there should be no public consumption of alcohol. The potential problems (and litter-broken bottles etc.) out ways any other benefit in my opinion.
- no
- Of course alcohol consumption should be limited to those of legal age. Also, parks should be patrolled for disorderly conduct and tickets issued accordingly. Aside from this, I think this is would encourage use of our public park spaces!
- The concern is for rowdy parties, especially of youths. Limit it to beer and wine only as part of a picnic meal, and at designated sites of course. This is according to AGLC regulations.
- People are already consuming liquor in parks, but just in a covert manner. Making it legal would remove the bad element from the equation.
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- Please dont allow it to occur. Increase cost to correct social disorder and clean up. The city knows well that poeple sneak it in if they really want it. Now you allow it to be a public acceptance. but you can't control people vomiting and cost of cleanup
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- Moderation is everything. It should still be patrolled to ensure people are not getting out of hand, but I feel like that goes without saying.
- Look to Germany, not a big issue.
- Police have enough to look after with potential criminal activity in our City. Don't need more of a burden getting calls from Park community neighbours concerned with drunken behaviours in a public setting.
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- No
- No
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- no
- None
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- There is a reason that liquor isn't allowed to be consumed in public unless in controlled areas under supervision. Eg Stampede
- When can we have a pilot to allow consumption of weed at picnic sites?
- I can see it get out of hand, potentially more littering of bottles, Breaking of glass bottles in parks and green space (cause issues for children and those walking bare feet in grass), drinking and driving if it gets out of hand.
- Bad for public
- Designated picnic sites are used by families, for children's birthday parties, for school field trips, for summer camps- users should not be subjected to alcohol consumption in the next site. Safety and comfort of all users should come before alcohol use.
- Not as long as it's in moderation and all the alcoholic imbibers are of legal drinking age.
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- No pilot project for alcohol or drugs should be undertaken, again, grow up.
- I am completely opposed to this idea. I am concerned about enabling liquor use, enforcement and enabling people to drink or raft under the influence. Having impaired people in parks degrades the experience for others.
- Let it be legal, just keep it in moderation
- My biggest concern is children being exposed to it.
- If public liquor consumption is allowed, it would be great to allow more food vendors on site or even pop-up markets so that fresh food is available to consume along with the liquor
- There may be safety Concern for you'll children
- Nope.
- As parks are public place, safety is major concerns for everybody, especially kids, since sometime drunk people behave unconsciously, their actions may harm to peoples and also environment
- This is a wonderful idea that needs to happen! This city can be very boring and too conservative at times. We need to start embracing other ways and ideologies of thinking. Other cultures do this and there are very limited issues, so why cant we?
- Concerned that younger people may not be as respectful of the park and leave more litter. Perhaps a minimum age of 21 could be enforced for public drinking in picnic areas.
- Many countries, European ones in particular, already permit open liquor at parks. I think that people are generally responsible when having drinks during daylight hours in an outdoor setting.
- Do not do this.
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- It's about time!

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- No concerns.
- See above
- I agree that should only be when food is also being consumed, is about to be or has been consumed.
- Not a big deal
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- I think it should absolutely be allowed!
- In general my concerns are minimal. I think our public intoxication rules will be able to minimize irresponsible behaviour and address it accordingly if need be.
- No.
- This is not the same thing as smoking weed which should still be banned in public places. The with food will be difficult to enforce
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- No.
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- Homeless people
- As long as there is a phone number (311?) to report abuse of privileges
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- Spend your time at city hall with more important activities that drinking in a park.
- See comments above. Family time and fun could readily be curtailed. Homeless would move in and drinking could become problematic
- How is this even against the law today. So much red tape, Jesus.
- I think it should not be allowed, period, end of discussion.
- It should be allowed....like most of Europe and rest of world
- None. People are going to do it anyways, most people can drink responsibly.
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- See above
- Let's get with it. When liquor hours were extended in 1988 and then liquor stores privatized, the crime rate and DUI did not go up a lot. Cannabis is here and the world has not ended either. A hamburger and beer in a park in the summer -YES!!
- No
- Allow adults to be adults and not have unnecessary rules
- No
- Shouldn't be allowed
- Only thing that I worry about is drinking and driving, but that could happen with people going to bars too. I have no other concerns. I just think it would be nice to have the freedom to do that.

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- The City has taken an approach to Cannabis that mirrors that of alcohol. If you're allowing liquor to be consumed in Parks at picnic sites there is no reason beyond stigma not to allow cannabis as well.
- no
- If it allowed then we won't book park for any picnic.
- I wish we could trust people, we just can't.
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- I think there's better places. Plus, contamination of rivers and plants is especially a larger issue. Picnic sites are usually large areas, it can be extremely difficult to clean up. Backyards, etc, have a lot less space.
- Liquor is never going to benefit anyone any time ever.
- We need to look at European lifestyle to help improve our own. They all outdoor drinking everywhere, and for the most part it works very well. We need to encourage safe behaviour and not encourage restrictions that cause more problems
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- It's bad
- The question of children being exposed to alcohol is ridiculous. They are exposed to alcohol through family at home, advertising. Why do we need to hide this. Education about alcohol is more important than pretending it's not there!
- Consumption of alcohol in parks/public places is legal and common across most of Europe and Asia and they don't seem to have issues with it.
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- Yes, these are public sites and alcohol or Pot should not be allowed . It's family time!
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- No
- Yes. How is it going to be managed and patrolled. Enough city fees
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- No
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- Test this as a pilot. Do not add an additional cost for the site booking - that will discourage legal use.
- yes, children, influencing other people specially youth to drink, garbage aggressiveness etc
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- I think the people who would be unruly at a park are the type of people who would not obey the rules regardless if it was allowed or not.
- Just let it happen..
- My only concern is the potential for disorderly conduct and litter. But this can be curbed with enforcement from peace officers and park employees
- Everything in moderation, one could call police if there was concern or leave the area.
- Picnic places are to enjoy and relax at in peace. Liquour will disrupt the peace by allowing people who can't control their alcohol have full authority over drinking it there and harrassing others.
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- Lets get into modern times with pour liqure laws
- No
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- I have used beer gardens when I lived in Germany and saw no negatives.
- no
- No other comments
- None
- No
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- None at all.
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- It's a great idea.
- It's about time
- Homeless people will drink liquor and be rowdy even if it illegal. Rowdiness is already illegal.
- No
- Not really.
- I just am worried about attracting the wrong people in the outdoors. I love running in the summer in fish creek park and would be scared if drunk people are around. Think it increases chances of being assaulted.
- More recycling bins
- No comment
- Don't do it. It's not necessary to enjoy the tax payer parks.
- I dont think its a good idea to allow liquor consumption in any picnic site or public park
- Liquor should not be allowed in any park- children are not allowed in bars and should not be exposed to drinking while at a public park. This will be taken advantage of. People will drink outside of designated areas and in non-drinking parks.

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- No one wants their creepy drunk uncle at the park.. don't invite them to mine
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- It should be allowed. This is not a big deal.
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- I live in front of a park with 2 tables, no other amenities. The seniors use them in summer time and dog walkers. All good. But the kids leave fast food trash everywhere as the dog bin is too far away. I clean that area often.
- No.
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- Nope
- See my concerns above. Allowing beer & wine in any public place is just placing extra enforcement requirements on our already over worked bylaw & police officers
- Public just needs to be well informed of rules/regulations, education campaign, warnings for infractions (to start).
- Parks are for everyone all age group it's a place you can go out and relax or family day or walk anything liquor is a negative thing that will start happening and people will minimize going to parks
- Picnic areas are most used by families. The stupid behaviour as a result of alcohol use is unnecessary and should not be viewed by children.
- I think this is a ridiculous idea. Why would we encourage more alcohol consumption when there are already so many alcoholics in the city! My concern is that more and more children will see it as normal to drink wherever they are.
- Let's do it!
- My concern is perhaps to not allow glass containers when consuming alcohol in a park. I believe drinking is fine but we must still be mindful of broken glass around children and wildlife
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- No
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- I think most people will drink responsibly, and I think that people already drink in parks. It would be better to allow it, and charge a bit extra to bring revenue to the city.
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- This idea is about as bad as having public Marijuana consumption site owned and operated by the City. What possible good could come out of this?
- I think it would be a breath of fresh air to be able to consume liquor in Calgary parks and it would set an excellent example for the rest of Canada who doesn't allow it; it shows that you trust your citizens with their own behavior.
- No. just be respectful
- I think it could be a great project in the city. I would be concerned about unruly behaviour in a public area but with good regulations, that can be monitored.
- Increased Avenue for disorderly behaviours.
- It will need very tight and obvious supervision and control.
- Even though you say that it will be strictly enforced, I don't think there is sufficient bylaw resources to guarantee that. And that isn't a good use of tax funds.
- Again, liquor does NOT have to have to privilege of being consumed everywhere. Parks should be for everyone to enjoy. Fun and frolicking not drinking alcohol
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- This is a great idea.
- Great idea! Would love to have the same feel socializing with friends outside as I did traveling through europe
- Liquor in parks defeats the work against drinking and drivingdri in
- No concerns.
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- No.
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- Public alcohol consumption has been going on in Europe for generations without major issues, no reason we can't do the same.
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- Parks amongst other things are places where people go with their families to enjoy a somewhat peaceful day in a park environment. adding alcohol If taken in moderation probably would be no more noticed than drinking a can of coke but would be abused.
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- I am just hopping that our society awakens and stop against all bad thing that destroys our kids future like Marijuana or alcohol or even smoking thank you
- It may increase some disorderly conduct but, public drunkenness is public drunkenness whether or not you consumed the alcohol initially in your house, in a bar, or at a picnic.
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- stupid idea
- Possibly language that is crude.
- Should be allowed and other by-laws for unreasonable behaviour should prevail.
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- I feel picnic sites should be family friendly sites where children can play and have fun. Allowing liquor consumption in picnic areas might make the children feel it is ok to consume it. As A result, underage drinking might become more common.
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- Encourages drinking and driving as well as more policing.
- Policing will be ineffective as with all bylaws. So drunken and unruly behaviour is very likely and will likely make parks unpleasant places.
- yes, as stated, we should be encouraging a society that knows how to behave respectfully under any circumstances, with or without alcohol. it is the disrespectful behaviour that should be penalized, not the drinking.
- My only concern would be monitoring of behaviour including clean up of glass bottles.
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- It's a potential hazard that should be avoided. Its might lead to greater evil on which people might consume alcohol and drugs. Please we don't want it in our parks. Anyone who wants to drink should drink in there homes.
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- No to liquor in parks
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- Just need good well maintained disposal and recycling facilities to keep the park clean
- This is a horrible idea. People can go to bars if they want to drink not parks.
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- It will increase poor behaviour, property damage and unfairly expose children
- Maybe limit it to beer and wine only
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- Totally do not agree. If you want to consume alcohol do so indoors at your home or in a bar restaurant. Picnic sites in parks is not the place I cannot believe this is even up for discussion. Is drink driving not bad enough already?
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- No.
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- How would you even control the amount of alcohol that gets consumed? Where would you draw the line
- no, thank you.
- Nope
- People who intend to get drunk in parks will do it regardless of whether it is permitted. I see no issue in allowing the responsible population enjoy a casual drink while relaxing outdoors
- Do not let people drink in picnic sites
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- Bars will go bankrupt
- No
- Liquor should not be allowed at parks. This will only increase the issue related to drinking.
- Catch up with the rest of the world.
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- Do not allow liquor anywhere in the public. Not good.
- no
- I think this will just create more problems for the city and annoyance for those trying to enjoy the park.
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- Don't allow liquor in parks
- There is significantly more risk to the public than there is benefit to this proposal.
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- Yes, My biggest fear is what would happen post event. Most likely drinking and driving. This is a really terrible ide
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- Some people can drink to the point of losing their senses and behaving weird and talking nonsense. Drunk people can be dangerous to the safety of the people around them
- I think we should allow it because permits are annoying to process
- It will take away spaces from children
- probably to have extra recycle bins so the refundable cans or bottles aren't put in landfills.

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- Picnic sites are public areas paid for by tax dollars. Persons should be able to enjoy them without the potential for drunken behavior. Also, this starts the spread of alcohol outside of picnic areas in the parks and onto the surrounding streets
- N/A
- I would seriously consider having a maximum size for this type of activity so it doesn't get out of control. Such as grad parties that could grow in size.
- My concern would be with an increase of drinking and driving
- Increase in disorderly behavior
- It would be crucial to have more bylaw and peace officer presence to control unruly behaviour and ensure safety of children and others, as well as to control littering.
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- Nope
- Obviously many people can become obnoxious and destructive when consuming too much alcohol however fines and damages should be the renters responsibility.
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- I feel that there will always be someone who will take advantage of this and cause misconduct of some sort and I do not want children exposed to such issues. I have never not had an issue with drunk guys on the streets calling names at me etc.
- I have some concerns that people may take advantage of this and drink too much. I would there is a waiver taht if people abuse this privilege they are charged a \$500.00 fee on the card that was used to book the picnic site. herefore suggest that
- End the stigma of open alcohol consumption. Be progressive not prudish.
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- This should not be allowed in public as it will impact the social environment and kids.
- I think if this is properly managed, rules are specific and within reason this could be very successful. I also believe in allowing small businesses to get involved in this.
- Garage being improperly disposed of.
- Yes. Can you imagine how much it will cost to have an officier out in each area to patrol & monitor consumption.
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- I would expect more disorderly behavior and noise/foul language.
- Detrimental to the public at such sites, there are enogh places for alcohol consumptiontions
- I think at the very least, beer and wine should be permitted in picnic sites.
- I drink alcohol, so I'm not opposed to it. However, I don't think that every single activity is enhanced by being able to drink while doing it.
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- Lets do it!
- I do not.
- No
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- I see no reason why alcohol needs to be allowed in public parks. Reasons against have been noted above.
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- N/A
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- Broken glass
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- None. We should also allow weed
- People already drink in parks from concealed containers. That works - leave it as it is.
- Please allow it
- No concerns. Public consumption should be legal everywhere, not just picnic sites.
- I think it is a great idea
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- It is dangerous to the safety of the public and the children will get unnecessarily exposed to dangerous conditions and behavior.
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- So many other countries do it and there are no issues there.
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- should be all picnic sites. Or none.
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- Allowing liquors on picnic place not a good idea at all
- No.
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- I sent a pm. And yes I do to meany and there all reasonable
- None whatsoever.
- No
- PLEASE AND THANK YOU

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- No.
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- No
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- It works in Europe. Should work here.
- Please make this a thing
- Yes. We've had awful experiences in the past with unruly / loud groups that negatively impact the groups around them.
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- I think this would be a great idea and would bring more people out to utilize public facilities.
- Canadians drink too much
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- I think it's a great idea and I don't think you'd see an increase in drunk behaviour. There's research that's demonstrated that those people who want to be drunk are going to do it regardless of laws
- I expressed all my concerns in the question
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- Concerned about increases in littering without increased recycling/disposal resources in the parks.
- Really bad idea.
- There should be good access to garbage and recycling bins
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- I encourage the relaxation of drinking laws. I believe heavy handed regulation has lead to more young binge drinkers as they have not been given an example of what mature consumption looks like.
- Broken bottles. I would still have a ban on glass bottles in parks.
- Not really
- biggest problem with traffic is impaired driving and now you want to encourage it for profit
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- Na
- Bad for park
- We're adults. Europe does it and their cities haven't imploded. I'm 100% in favour of more people utilizing public spaces.

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- Please keep parkas a park not a bar
- I would suggest that all alcoholic liquor containers be either aluminum or plastic, glass not allowed. This would prevent potential injuries to children, adults and pets
- How do you you monitor it? At was expense to the City?
- No
- do not make the mistake of allowing it
- The parks in my neighbourhood are used frquently. Mostly young families. Let's find ways to promote family friendly outings. Adults can limit the consumption of this drug to the many bars and outdoor patios availbale in this city.
- Provide adequate recycling stations to ensure messes aren't left. Also, if you're going to restrict it to picnic sites onky, expect you'll have park staff monitor to ensure moderation.
- Perhaps, citizens could text a phone line if they noticed unruly behaviors from guests in nearby picnic areas and the police could respond with a written complaint after the fact in a week or so.
- Yes I do.Because picnic spot is enjoying place and I don't want to make that place scary by consuming of liquor.It is a safety concern
- The abusers will probably ruin it for the others. These parks should be monitors if booze is allowed. Also, see comments on #4 re: restricting park usage.
- I think as long as the rules created around this are reasonable and there are systems in place for dealing with those who abuse this privelage, it will be an overall good thing. I think more people will be using the parks, and I think that's great!
- Safety of our kids and our families are at stake
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- Recycling bins.
- there are sadly many irresponsible people who could ruin the enjoyment of the parks or other picnic sites due to their Behavior or rowdiness. Although we are in the minority because we don't drink, we hope that if alcohol is allowed it is there are rules.
- Please keep these places clean and family-friendly. We don't go to liquor places as a family so don't let the opposite happens.
- Yes dont want liquor to be consumed at parks
- It's bad enough that we now have to deal with people smoking pot in public places. I really don't want to have to deal with alcohol consumption as well.
- I think the vast majority of people will be fine, but there still needs to be enforcement for those who are unruly. But that is no different than the case now.
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- The City is trying to stop drinking and driving this just contradicts it. We have not stopped drinking and driving and this is just going to make it worse. Also when people drink they cannot control themselves thus causing trouble
- encouraging alcohol abuse encourages drinking and driving, drinking and swimming, drinking and boating which impact more than the people making those choices under the influence
- It's a bad idea. The city parks are already used by addicts and criminals. Broken glass amid the used needles is another reason not to use a city park.
- I believe this may increase usage of sites. It may also increase litter and damage to sites. It would be appropriate to utilize part of increased fees for alcoholic sites to increase bylaw patrols at picnic sites.
- I think yes Europe has troubles with bottles being left out but I don't think it would increase too drastically especially if we put our recycling bins more around drinking areas. The river thing does worry me, but I think it should still be okay.
- Just litter mostly.
- Yes...the concerns are above. We do not want to make picnic sites as only drinking sites. Let us leave it for family fun and enjoyment.
- Let parks be for people who do not require a the use of a mind altering substance to enjoy. I do not want to have to deal with people who would abuse this and while it may not be a large number more than one is too many
- Na
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- Yes, there is the likliehood of some increased bad behaviour, however we believe that education and some appropriate enforcement (at the beginning of the program) should be sufficient to address the issue. This is a non-issue in Europe.
- Same as above, if responsible it'd be fun
- I see it as opening the barn door. Before you know it, the air will also be polluted with the smoke from cannabis users. Where does it end?
- I think allowing the public to drink responsibly in parks is a great idea. Calgary has so many great parks and if people are able to spend some time out there while enjoying a beer or wine I think that's a fantastic idea.
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- Be bold Calgary! Give flashdance the ability to make informed decisions.
- I worry not about responsible drinkers but those who are already drinking in the parks. Litter, breakage, children's exposure, etc.
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- Public spaces should not operate at the lowest common denominator. Allowing alcohol will just create more poor public behaviour.

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- the only thing that would worry me is people becoming belligerent and obnoxious and then a cop not being able to do anything about it because they were technically allowed to consume alcohol there
- My only concern would be ensuring there is no littering of bottles, etc around the parks. Proper disposal options need to be considered
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- Worried about the safety of kids
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- Do it
- Public drunkenness .
- Picnic spot is not mandatory for adults and we should consider the children too
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- Lots of concerns already expressed above
- How do YOU the city of Calgary expect to guarantee that the parks will be safe with drinking? People aren't allowed to drink and drive for a reason... they can't think clearly and their actions CAN turn violent.
- I may lose more threats and subsequent losses than benefits
- Do it up!!
- Few ruling class people don't want peace in this world that's why they want the whole nation drunk all the time like [removed] people.
- I just hope it can be disposed of properly, and that it will not increase trash and litter. Preferably recycled.
- I hope there will be police to ensure people are being responsible
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- This is setting precedent for the use of pot. I don't want pot smoked in the picnic site next to me when enjoying a summer day.
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- would increase costs re: policing sites also, over drinking may cause problems between partyers
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- People don't need to be exposed to the behaviour that comes along with it.
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- We hardly have food access in parks, maybe allowing small vendors or food trucks more could help with alcohol and outdoor recreation.
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- Nope
- Yes. Alcohol makes people aggressive and loud. I prefer pot smokers.
- Do not allow any liquor at picnic sites in oaks
- Who will monitor it to ensure people are not drinking to intoxication and who will pay for the monitoring of it. I do not want my tax dollars wasted on an item like this. People can drink bar, restaurants and at home. They do not need to drink in the park
- There will always be those people that have no respect for others and disregard the rules, however the majority of citizens are very considerate. An increased Bylaw or CPS presence will certainly help deter those few that ruin things for the many.
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- Only issues are drinking/driving and damage to property.
- There is the potential for increased abuse, but in general I think adults can regulate themselves. The people who want to abuse alcohol in parks are already doing so regardless of the laws.
- shouldn't be permitted
- Ensure that only cans and plastic containers are allowed. Glass ought not to be used and available during this circumstance as it poses risk for broken glass around family safe spaces.
- Truly?!? You want a pilot project on what happens when you allow drinking in our public parks? Save us the cash and just look at what happens each summer with drunken rafters at Edworthy. Defecating and urinating in the bushes, foul language etc. No. No
- Exposing children and families to liquor and it's consumption
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- It's ridiculous.
- would not have problem with consumption of liquor in park but make sure this area very limited and not affect the general public.
- No
- Families goes for picnics in parks to enjoy nature, adding liquor to the mix will only reduce the enjoyment. If you want to drink liquor do it at home or in designated establishments.
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- Yes, there can definitely be security concern
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- No liquor

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- Yes it leads into major implications on health and kids
- How will it be policed or kept under control? Nobody will listen to a young park staff member telling them to stop drinking. We don't have enough resources to police our city now, plus city council is raising taxes cause we are more or less broke.
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- No liquor
- I absolutely do not support liquor consumption in parks for all the reasons stated above.
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- I'm against the idea
- My biggest concern is Safety of attendees and more reason to drink and driving
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- No
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- It should not be allowed
- Not right now
- All of the above.
- N/a
- No
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- Increase in disorderly conduct
- Don't be greedy like question 5
- Some countries you can because it is part of the culture here it is not and will only cause more problems and who will enforce the laws as someone will have to check the id's of everyone who is drinking.
- I would hate to deter anyone from using parks as a family spot because they would be concerned about drunken people, broken glass from alcohol bottles, or damaged sites.
- I totally disagree with this.
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- My only concern is enabling people with alcohol addictions. But I'm not sure that would happen, either. I'll leave that to your studies.
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- Clean up and drunk driving.

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- A few drinks never hurt anyone. If someone wanted to be highly intoxicated and unruly, they're going to do it whether drinking is legal or illegal in parks.
- No
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- Over consumption; unruly people; drinking & driving.
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- Not needed
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- No.
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- Yes it not good for many reasons.
- This website talks about the 'possible issues' which would require 'increased enforcement' & 'cleanup if necessary'. First of all in no way do I feel our Police resources should be taxed further as for the By-law officers. Another tax increase, no thanks
- There are already many places (bars, clubs, restaurants, backyards) where liquor is allowed. It is nice to have a public place with no liquor. Who and how will control be executed!!
- I worry about the additional litter, and if people over consume and become unruly. Furthermore, it might bring additional vagrants who look for the refundable bottles in the rubbish bins.
- I think it's a great idea. I believe there are too many restrictions for people right now, and the effect is counterproductive. People will still do things they aren't allowed to do. And children seeing alcohol don't automatically become alcoholics.
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- Parks get utilized by families and young people. Allowing alcohol in the parking will lead a lot of young people being exposed to alcohol and endangers the safety of the public at large.
- No
- I think it's a fair idea. We are civilized enough to drink in public
- I feel that alcohol should not be allowed in public sites because there are many safety concerns. As well as it may influence children to drink as well. Also, many religions do not promote alcohol which might make them feel uncomfortable.
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- I would be ok with liquor only allowed in cans and plastic bottles to reduce broken glass litter
- No
- I'd like to see proper recycling facilities stationed throughout the park! Of course some people are going to be "stupid" and make poor choices, but when we look to European cities, they vastly do this safely. It will take a while to develop the culture.

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- No
- No concerns, used to live in Europe where you are able to have a drink in parks it is managed well there
- Yes, I have three young kids and I won't feel safe where people are consuming liquor.
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- Yes, no liquor at parks please!
- No concerns. I believe most people are smart enough to not abuse this policy. Few problem people can be dealt with by fines, which I would think would be rare. Hey
- I don't think it is necessary. If a person cannot have a picnic or meal in the park without an alcoholic beverage, they need an AA program not a licensed picnic table.
- Should be all parks or nothing if a pilot project is successful. Allowing in only a handful of parks could lead to over crowding
- No
- No
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- if liquor consumption is allowed then marijuana consumption will have to be allowed. There are enough places to consume liquor that city parks do not have to be included
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- I think if you allow it to happen you should have to get an alcohol permit like when you have liquor at an event
- It is already happening so may as well prevent the blurring of the lines in the law.
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- Worried about public drunk, fights, drunk driving, kids modeling adult drinking alcohol etc.
- no
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- Forget about this loony idea from a loony councillor. This will lead to many issues that will cost the city valuable tax dollars. Increased policing, garbage collection and maintenance.
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- Behaviours and conduct in the parks, litter left in the parks, increased risk of drinking and driving as well as intoxicated people using bike/pedestrian/skate paths
- None
- Consumption of liquor in parks where children are playing is not good. Some people have breakdowns after drinking alcohol. Children could be exposed to liquor as well .
- It is safety concern.
- I'm happy to see Calgary even consider the idea, shows that the city really does move past bureaucracy

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- Look at Europe. Making it legal won't mean people who don't drink will drink, it will just make people stop hiding what they are already doing.
- Subjectivity of law enforcement re "intoxication" levels, arbitrary testing or searches etc (whether at park sites or connected parking lots re new laws that breathalyzers can be required without suspicion of impairment)
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- N/A
- No.
- No
- if parks and picnic sites can have booze, then there should be no requirement for restaurants and people hosting weddings to have liquor permits. Who polices underage drinking?
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- It's totally ignoring community and families with children, if allowed liquor at public places.
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- No
- Do not allow
- Not at all
- It should not be allowed.
- The average person is responsible. There will always be people who misuse the privilege. This happens anyways and it shouldn't stop the average person from drinking in a park.
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- Public safety!
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- it risk at everyone
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- No
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- There is no need to expose children to adults consuming alcohol. Alcohol and unpredictable behaviour by some can cause fear.

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- No
- recycle bins should also be installed to prevent waste from inappropriately being sent to landfill.
- Should be not allow liqueur in the parks
- Liquor permissive sites will have a negative affect on the overall attendees at the park
- It should be allow at picnic spot
- No not at this time.
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- Just it would be great to not allow people to drink in parks and picnics
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- Liquor laws here are archaic. How long do we have to wait for progress?
- Serious concerns. Have you no knowledge of history of people and alcohol at campsites. So many terrible messes and injury as stupid people mixed with alcohol think they are behaving well and not disturbing people nearby.
- Drinking and driving and many more
- It shouldn't be allowed parking place because parking placees are family with all ages people fun places not clubs or bars.
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- i feel if its done in moderation its fine
- Increase policing. Simple. Be visible. (Same as on the river currently when floating.)
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- Unrully behaviour and broken bottles, etc
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- No
- We have to protect our children, they are first. Adults can drink in restaurants and bars, picnics areas and parks are full of children
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- it is promotion of the wrong lifestyle. even Cigarettes are sold today from covered shelves. open drinking is not what i would like to teach my little one. we see a lot of Violence on TV norming such a Behaviour . don't make drinking a normnking is no .
- police harassing the wrong crowd to prove a point. And people taking advantage and ruining a good thing by being idiots
- Adult already have the options of bars, restaurant, movie theater or their home for drinking. Can we leave the parks alone so family can enjoy parks without having to deal with any alcohol sites?
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- Rowdy drinkers who cause disruption to other people enjoying the space. Must be a way to intervene and tossed from park. May encourage use of drugs and other illegal behaviour.

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- Study places that don't try to impose onerous rules on their population & see that treating responsible adults like adults causes people to behave in a more civilized manner.
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- No
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- No concerns. Last I heard It's working on Quebec. It would be great to be able to go on a hike, bike ride etc., and then sit down for a snack and a 'bevy'.
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- There should be tight regulations around picking up after yourself. I don't want parks to be littered with empty cans and bottles.
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- I do believe that the parks should be monitored like normal for those outlying people that may abuse the privilege, alcohol or no alcohol. I think think this will promote park use, although more picnic sites may need to be added as I know they fill up.
- Simply put. The benefits if any do not in any way justify changes to the existing rules. If you allow alcohol consumption in picnic sites, what's next??
- None at all
- No
- Concerned that some are overly concerned of damage and have no evidence to justify their fears. Only the US and Canada restrict public liquor so much. Having a bottle of wine on a picnic blanket, even with kids around, is normal. Stigmatizing is not.
- See above. Calgary should be more concerned about providing consumption places for LEGAL marijuana before considering more alcohol friendly areas. I'm
- T2L1L6
- The parks are not a place to allow alcohol consumption as the picnic concept will quickly deteriorate to an outdoor party and then to a justification for outdoor cannabis smoking and then everyone will have to put up with that stench.
- I would be concerned about the policing around food being required and around location - I have a feeling that the homeless, people of colour, young people might be more heavily policed. It would need to be equally acceible to ALL citizens.
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- I do not support this
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- Nope
- It should be banned
- No
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- Yes , I am not in favour of this permission. Park only for healthy activities.
- Not so much. I believe that people who become disorderly and drink excessively in public regardless of rules or whether it is allowed .
- It would be really important to monitor for sites to remain clean - no empty and / or broken bottles etc.
- Ya. Drunk a-holes around my kids. Probably smoking weed along with it. Keep that at home and poison yourself and your own kids. Thanks.
- Should ban in public places.
- People in this country dont know how to drink and not get rowdy and start fighting. The park is supposed to be restful not a war zone.
- I am concerned for the safety of myself and my family if this is to be allowed.
- No, this is well overdue.
- Not at all am not in favour of using liquor at all
- Let's do it!
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- I hope this pilot goes forward
- Because one councillor had one conversation with someone, somewhere (as per news report)...we're spending thousands of dollars to get an answer on something people are already doing...
- Liquor has no place at parks and picnic sites
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- No
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- I do not agree with liquor in parks nor smoking marijuana. I have a sensitivity to the smell and can get just as happy inhaling the second hand smoke. Should not be around minors.
- No
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- Yes, that underage, or of age teenagers will abuse the ability ion drink in public and use it to become inebriated in not a safe space
- I like that it must accompany food. But no real concerns with the idea. People go out to drink all the time and have to plan ahead for the drive. So it's no different than going to a patio...except the cost.
- I said what I wanted to say above
- No
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- I disagree that they should need to be booked in advance and there should just be designated areas where the consumption of liquor is permitted as long as you are of legal drinking age.
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- We are trying to lower drinking and driving. This would increase people driving under influence for sure.
- It works in Europe
- If tables are used by people to get wasted in public.
- Yes it must be forbidden
- No need to allow it. People will just drink discretely as things are currently. Allowing it just invites abusive use.
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- I am concerned that your questions are suggesting that we are moving to a system where booking and specifically paying for alcohol allowed sites is required. This suggests that you feel it is only thrifty & spontaneous people that abuse alcohol.
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- I think it's a great idea!
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- If it starts to be a cleanup problem, look at fees then.
- I'd be concerned about excessive drinking and large gatherings. I'm also curious how the rules around drinking and eating will be enforced. Otherwise I think it's a great pilot project and hope it's successful!
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- Litter and damage to property.
- Yes. It should be limited to bars and pubs. No other place.
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- Not allowed for our kids and everyone
- You should definitely limit the amount of alcohol and make sure to always check what all we carry with us. The amount of alcohol vs the number of people. It's all about being joyful
- I think there will always be individuals that cause issues regardless of rules implemented. I think the majority of citizens just want more flexibility in choice and enjoy a relaxing time with family and friends.
- See all previous comments.
- It's proved that liquor consumption can trigger inappropriate behaviour or vandalism in public areas, why encourage and invite troubles and more work and responsibilities for city as well as the citizens?
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- Alcohol, just like everything else, can be a non-event when people behave responsibly.
- No
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- Social costs are not worth the increase in municipal coffers.
- Yes. Liquor consumption should not be allowed in parks especially with families around. I witnessed too many incidents at Flames and Stampeder games. Disorderly conduct and behaviour always occurs including cursing in front of kids, spilling liquor,...
- No
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- All the above concerns
- It shouldn't be allowed
- Do not make this a law in nose hill park please. It is a great safe park for activities such as running or biking, and I am concerned for wild animals, pets and children whom all play in the area. It is also one of only a handful of off leash areas.
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- The issue is disorderly conduct, but this can be enforced separately from liquor consumption
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- I would rather not have it at all. If you must do it, please designate separate areas so the rest of us can choose to avoid them.
- Bylaw would not be able to closely observe usage. Alcohol would be consumed in front of minors whether you think you have control or not. The majority also would be driving to picnic sites. The temptation to drive while a bit intoxicated could be increase
- This should not be allowed. We should be able to have picnics with our families without people drinking alcohol. That is what a bar is for. Not for having around children at a park.
- There is no need for this. This is absolutely asinine we can't have a good time in a beautiful park without booze
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- That designated areas at least have a garbage receptacle to avoid litter
- I think it's a great idea that a mature society can handle.
- No
- I support this whole heartedly.
- We had it without alcohol for a long time and people enjoy it why we need to do it now even if some people wants it still they are going to park without it and still enjoy it.
- we drink at home from glass glasses & we don't need more broken glass in parks
- Europe has no trouble with drinking in public anywhere. Follow what they do and there shouldn't be a problem.
- Consumption of liquor should be banned in all public places including parks
- Drinking and Driving , damage to To city properties

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- Very bad for children and lead to other being disturbed due to poor behaviour by drinkers. There should a difference between party vs.picnic, and a club vs. Park.
- I think limiting of group size might be my only concern. Small, orderly groups are a good way of managing alcohol in public parks.
- No
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- I wish we could move to a European model where wine can be consumed in parks. This is a good step. One other thought it maybe limit the drinks per person at the site.
- Maybe we can consider having movies in the parks where people can come and enjoy a summer evening of entertainment and a wee glass.
- Already covered
- There should be enough recycling desposal available.
- I am concerned with noise disruption, rowdy embarrassing behaviour and litter.
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- May as well make it official
- None. This concept works with the vast majority of people being responsible in many other municipalities in the world
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- Ridiculus idea!
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- Liquor Should Never be allowed In parks.
- No
- All my comments already explained
- As long as normal drunk in public laws exist this shoukd be a nonissue
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- No
- No concerns. Attended parks in Europe where liquor was consumed in parks on picnics that weren't designated sites, no issues experienced.
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- Bad move
- Yes I have big concerns, its liquor now then you will allow drug use and then God knows what..
- Drinking can be done in an adult only places. Respect the families around enjoying their gatherings.

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- Rules are too strict, normal citizens should be treated like adults. Most people would behave and just enjoy the park, bbq and a pint.
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- No
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- go ahead good idea
- No
- alcohol in public spaces assume that people will drink responsibly. who is responsible for cutting someone off further drinks in a picnic ground? how do you generally get to a park, you drive. please don't waste any more money on pursuing this idea.
- Do it. 10/10 recommend
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- These are places for families with children to send a day out. Why make them concentration zones for people who wish to consume liquor in public? That's what licensed liquor venues are for.
- I am impressed by the forward thinking on the policy and hope that the council will not be swayed by those spreading fear about this policy.
- Would there be increased monitoring around designated parks.
- I strongly disagree fir allowing alcohols in parks at all.
- Please don't allow this deal .
- No more than I have already mentioned.
- Not at all. However, littering should be ticketable.
- None
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- I strongly disagree on allowing alcohols in picnic areas.
- No
- I think it is a great idea! I lived in Europe where it was allowed and I never experienced or saw any issues there
- It will only attract those who have a strong liquor problem.
- I am completely against it
- I think that it will make teenage drinking more of an issue. Kids in my high school used to always go there to do drugs and drink, if it's allowed it'll be worse. also more racism when people are drinking, more risk of drunk driving, more risk to kids
- In Summer, dry season when fire hazards increase in green spaces or wilderness , liquor would be like sprinkling salt on wounds and damaging the environment as we are experiencing almost every year in Calgary

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- Should not be allowed
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- Over consumption leading to trouble!
- Please do not allow this
- I think it is a wonderful idea
- No I think it's perfectly fine.
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- No
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- Yes it is not good at all
- Liquor tends to attract trouble. If you want to drink, go to a bar. Keep it away from parks.
- Please don't do this
- No
- I would not like my children to be exposed to alcohol use.
- Underage consumption
- No
- I'm curious to know who will enforce the rules. Resources already seem to be stretched without adding more bylaws to monitor. By the time a complaint is addressed the people will likely be gone
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- No
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- Make it happen as this is long overdue
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- How to control excessive drinking?
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- No concerns
- Nope.
- No
- No
- Parks with an increased number of homeless people may need to be more closely monitored.
- No. The people who are problem drinkers in parks are already there.
- I wonder how it will be monitored and orderly behaviour enforced/guaged.
- I see it as a major intrusion to personal freedom
- No. It's about time Calgary had a program in place. In Europe it's much more acceptable and people are treated like adults when it comes to consuming alcohol in public.
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- People being disrespectful. Not leaving the park by 2300hrs. Breaking glass beers and causing garbage. Making mess. Disturbance. Smoking pot even though it's not legal to smoke in parks. Also getting behind the wheels after few beers losing their license
- Public alcohol and drug consumption are already a huge nuisance in Calgary's parks. Liquor consumption should not be allowed in Calgary's park spaces.
- I have no concerns, I believe that the vast majority of people consuming alcohol in parks would cause no problems. There are already people in parks abusing drugs and alcohol, these people wouldn't care whether or consumption was allowed or not.
- Want to make sure there is lots of recycling containers. Concerned about increase mess.
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- If this will be approved, give them a designated area which is also far from the common area.
- People cannot control themselves at public places now. If they are allowed to drink at a park for an extended period, I foresee a lot of confrontations and accidents.
- no
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- Many.
- No
- Consumption for liquor in public place itself concern.
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- Impossible to enforce. There are not enough bylaw officers to police this. They cannot keep up with calls as it is. Allow people to purchase permits for special events in the park if they want to have alcohol.
- I have no concerns, I think it's about time
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- It's a family with children area... not for drinking
- No
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- Do you actually think CALGARY Police Services need more [removed] to deal with, when we don't have enough police officers as it is, terrible idea.
- Yes this will increase drink and drive accidents
- My concern is how it will be controlled. Security will be required like bouncers in the clubs.

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- No
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- There should be rules around liquor consumption at parks so that our parks aren't trashed.
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- It already happens, bring it into the open and responsible individuals will put number those illegally doing it today
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- No liquor please
- No liquor at any picnic sites in any parks in Calgary.
- No
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- Irresponsible use. People who drink too much often become rude and can behave improperly, possibility having a negative influence on the experience of other park users.
- I think anywhere in a public park should be open for public consumption and not just picnic sites.
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- Because people will consume it anyway
- Park is park ,it's not a liquor bar.
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- Not good for children around.
- I think it's a great idea.
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- It's against the law to consume liquor in public
- Would be very enjoyable and make Calgary even better.
- Why would the government allow liquor to be around children? First marijuana was not okay and now liquor in parks that is just outrages.
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- N/A
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- Increased in descent behaviors
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- Lake communities only. Not public spaces
- As with public golf courses, drink driving laws need to be visibly enforced at parking lots and nearby

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- For the many people who would use it responsibly, it only takes a few irresponsible ones to ruin it. I don't see why there needs to be alcohol in areas that are meant for families and outdoor fun. Can't we leave some spaces for that purpose in the city?
- This will have a very bad after effect. A space for kids, trees, grass, plants, should not be filled with junk like that. Honestly is it worth it? We should be able to go out, especially to parks without the fear of our kids being faced by this.
- None
- It is time we joined the vast majority of the world, walked the progressive talk we claim, and end the oppression of the rights of our fellow citizens to choose. Decry the abusers, not the responsible users. Punish the bad behaviours, but respect choice.
- No
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- Hope you will not pass this bylaw
- If you need booze to enjoy the outdoors you have a problem
- Why would the government do this trying to affect kids in a horrific way a park is a place for having fun and playing family barbecues it should not turn to a bar
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- No concerns.
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- I feel like there are so few places left to be just wholesome. I want to take my kids to the park and not have to worry about the gory of college kids who are wasted. I realize most of the time this won't be the case, but it will still happen...
- I think it's a great idea. Public drunkenness vs public consumption are different things.
- People leaving empties or partially drunk beverages at the sites and younger people finding it and drinking under age.
- No concerns. 100% for allowing alcohol at picnic sites.
- Yes absolutely every one who comes from well mannered family tradition do care and concerns about this non sense project being coming into the action. It should not allowed at all at any picnic sites.
- I think it's a good idea. People who have been to parks in Europe or Montreal can vouch for the pleasantness of a drink in a public park.
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- I have visited countries with public liquor laws, the laws do not seem to cause any problems.
- Not at all. If you act out the police will arrest you. Most people won't get out of control.
- Yes, it is a very unsuffisticated idea that will harm our country more than it will benefit...
- I think I should be able to use a site without booking it if it is not in use and still drink alcohol if it is one of the designated sites. Just like I can use it now if it is not booked.
- I think we can learn from many other parts of the world. Having a drink in public is fine, but being drunk and unruly is not ok. Having a drink is quite different from being drunk in public.
- Should not be avoided at all! Let's prevent problematic social behaviours instead of promoting and making them more accessible.
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- Parks are places to relax, to have fresh air, and to spend a quiet time with the family or friends. We all know about alcohol-related behavior and how negatively might affect other people in the park, especially children.
- Yes, seen this before especially in other countries and it has the potential to become a real issue and police have enough to deal with.
- No, great idea
- No.
- Parks are for healthy activities, don't put too many drunk people there
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- Completely unnecessary.
- Yes. And they have all been listed above on #2.
- keep liquor and cigarettes on private property. let's keep the parks clean and not encourage unhealthy behaviours.
- People who consume liquor can influence teens to try some which encourages underage drinking . It also causes a double standard in society as when teens are taught in school the dangers of drugs and alcohol they will question why it is permitted in public
- No concerns. Appropriate policing is necessary
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- Damaging family environment, kids are exposed to use of alcohol, crime rate will increase,
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- Needs to be more casual. Shouldn't just be allowed in bookable spaces.
- liquor should not be allowed at parks
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- I have concerns about clarity between parks where picnics are the main activity and playgrounds that happen to have a picnic table in them, which I do not think is an appropriate place for alcohol.
- The derelict few will ruin it for everyone. Same as alcohol free campsites...there are reasons

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- No
- Hope it is monitored to ensure public safety i.e. for drinking and driving, also disorderly behaviour.
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- Need to make sure have proper recycling bins available
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- Would not recommend for liquor in any park or picnic sites.
- Yes, I don't see any reason why people need to drink at parks. It's a public area and erratic behavior might occur which could be the start of all sorts of crimes and casualties.
- No
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- Legal or not, it's going to happen. Legal or not, some will abuse it. To punish an entire population because of the actions of a few is asinine. And then expecting us to pay for the privilege is so [removed] typical. These attitudes disgust me.
- Stress the use would be casual use... not party time.
- The council is probably not capable of implementing this properly, obviously not a sincere effort to improve our lives but trying to save face after they bungled the plan for pot in parks.
- Picnic sites have to be liquor free spaces
- I do not want liquor consumption allowed in calgary parks at all. Specifically edworthy and bowness parks. Benefit of charging for use of specific sites may not offset cost associated with use of the site and other city resources like police.
- I'm not happy if this think happen in city.
- Children maybe influenced towards alcohol. Drink and drive
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- Should not be allowed at public places
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- Responsible people should be able to have a drink in the park if they like. I am concerned about the less responsible people in Calgary but the drink in the parks anyway so I can't see it making much of a difference.
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- There is a reason kids aren't allowed in pubs. There's a reason alcohol is not permitted in public places. Stop looking at this as a revenue stream and get back to basic values.
- It should not be allowed

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- Bottle/can bins in said area to reduce litter.
- I do not think there should liquor where thee are chikdren
- Biggest concern is increased ticketing to well meaning folks who are drinking a beer in a park that might not be "designated."
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- It would teach kids it's ok to drink. Kids could find leftovers, drunk people getting out of control and hurting others. Encourages bad behaviour
- It will be an open bar sites that has no control on it
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- This will make parks an unsafe environment for families with children.
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- No. Look at Europe. Their legislation allows for people to openly consume alcohol and the rate of abuse is substantially lower.
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- Please stop this crazy idea. As if cannabis wasn't enough this will ruin the pleasant experience we get with our families for our short summer. NO LIQUOR IN OUR PARKS PERIOD.
- In general - keeping glass bottles away from playgrounds is a good idea.
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- Those that would abuse it likely already act in that manner. If Europe can manage it appropriately why couldn't Calgary
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- Long overdue. Canada is behind the times - we are adults.
- I don't understand why city is even thinking to allow liquor in the public places and what kind of benefit city will get.
- it should not be allowed
- It should not be allowed
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- If liquor is already consumed against bylaws then maybe there should be a place designated for people that choose to do so.
- I am intrigued by the possibility, but I don't have much faith in the population to be respectful or considerate of the rules were changed.
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- all Of the above reasons. Please keep our parks safe and beautiful.
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- No
- None.
- No
- Yes, this is not a good idea at all. Public spots are for families, not for drunk people. You don't know how people get when they become intoxicated and family's should not have to show there children this. Drinking and driving is also a major problem.
- No
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- I think it is a wonderful idea. By creating so many laws around alcohol, it gives the connotation that it is wrong.
- I would avoid taking my kids to that picnic site or park.
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- I have no concerns. I am a professional adult with a family who would like to have the choice to responsibly consume a beverage of my choice in a public park.
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- Same nonsense, why is the City trying to confuse us between picnic areas and picnic sites in parks???
- Loud disruptive drunks ruin camping. I see the same problems quickly taking root in parks.
- It is one factor that impacts how people misbehave, cause of accidents, etc
- No
- No
- I don't believe the "legalization" of public drinking in parks will have any real impact on how much it occurs. The fact is, it already happens a lot and those who were going to do it weren't deterred by existing laws.
- No
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- Model it after Montreal and the positives will outweigh the negatives.
- Not that I haven't already mentioned.
- It will be fine, people will enjoy the freedom to do this.

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- No, just dont think yyc needs this at moment
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- We need to eliminate laws everyone breaks, what's the point, waste of police time and resources, let people do what they want as long as they don't hurt others and respect property
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- disorderly conduct could ruin the park experience for non-alcohol and responsible alcohol consumers. A law enforcement presence may be required at our parks more frequently to deal with the irresponsible.
- It should be made very clear that disorderly conduct has steep fines attached to deter people from drinking too much.
- I believe the park patrons who would over consume are likely already sneaking liquor into parks. Having licenced areas would allow rule followers to feel as though they could enjoy alcohol with picnics and BBQ at city sites.
- Not only for children's safety but either the broken bottles or, bottle pickers will make the parks less "user friendly".
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- Liquor should be allowed in all parks, at picnic sites and not at picnic sites.
- No.
- not at all. but make sure theres a place to put empties
- Most picnic sites are located close to children's play equipment and I don't feel that alcohol should be introduced into that environment.
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- Public spaces should be kept safe for all users. Promoting the acceptance of common use of addictive substances is short sighted. Governments have a responsibility to develop policies that promote a better environment for all.
- Please don't do this. It is a ridiculous idea. Broken glass, people being rude, swearing, fighting, destroying things.
- Allow it. Most of us are adults. Let it go.
- No.
- No, it is quite common in Europe. I'm pretty sure Calgarians can handle it too.
- The ones I stayed above.
- I dont think it should be allowed. Unfortunately people dont know their limits of consumption and they end up over doing it and becomes a liability on others around. Parks are and should be good family places. Lets leave it like that.

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- People already irresponsibly consume alcohol in public places. Allowing public consumption of alcohol in any park, regardless of consumption at picnic sites, with food provides an acknowledgement of harmless behaviours by many citizens.
- People should not be uncontrollably drunk in public but a buzz or a few beers is no issue
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- I believe CofC Parks should be available for everyone to enjoy. I also believe that liquor needs to be policed. If liquor would be allowed in parks the. These areas would need to be policed dramatically more. No one want intoxicated people around kids.
- Provide appropriate refuse bins.
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- This Will allows us to be more in line with other major world cities that don't find a problem with this sort of thing.
- no
- None that previous questions or comments didn't cover.
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- People already do it, there are very minimal cons to having liquor at the sites
- Allowing public drinking is an absolute terrible idea. We already have a huge problem with drunks downtown Being rowdy and they often endanger themselves and others. But god forbid someone lights a doobie. I prefer stoned and peaceful over drunk and loud
- Its bad.it should not be allowed.
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- Not good for health and society
- I don't drink, but still looking forward to the legality.
- This is ridiculous. If people want to drink right now just conceal it and dont be a drunk piece of [removed]. If citizen picnic drinking gets out of hand the CPD has grounds to remove the problem. Allowing alcohol takes that away. The current bylaw is fine.
- No
- I'm glad we're finally talking about it.
- More severe consequences to being drunk and disorderly
- It's a horrific idea- I was shocked when I heard it.
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- Litter
- It should not be allowed in any picnic site bcs picnic site is for the family and specially for the kids.it will be a bad effect on the children.
- Must not be allowed at all.
- Yes see above

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- I think it's a great idea. A lot of people drink in public anyway. Lessen the fear of a ticket and feel free to consume a number of our amazing craft beers in one of our many beautiful spaces. A lot of places in the world allow it, even outside of parks.
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- Let's allow it. Why does this city treat its citizens like a bunch of irresponsible babies. Give us the chance to show how responsibly we can consume alcohol on public.
- No, this should have already happened in all green spaces.
- It would highlight Calgary as a progressive city. I feel that picnic sites is a good starting point, but shouldn't end there.
- If there are designated alcohol areas there should also be designated no alcohol areas clearly marked for those people not agreeing with this and for families who do not want their children to be subjected to alcohol consumption
- Just keep it the way it is not allowing liquor. Try investing collection on additional picnic table and improving the public transportation and roadways
- Having a drink at home or a picnic site, there is no difference. Regarding children: exposure can teach responsibility.
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- Alcohol is a known nuisance, why would YOU want to put others at risk and encourage consumption which is known to be unhealthy, just to earn a few more dollars?
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- I would love to see open liquor consumption at folk fest on princes island park where people can enjoy a beer and watch a performance outside of a small caged space.
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- There are not enough police officers to cover all the parks in Calgary to deal with the inevitable dangerous, disruptive problems. I want a safe place for me and my kids. All this would be gone. DONT DO THIS!!!
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- Disorderly behaviour may happen
- I just don't think people should engage with alcoholic beverages in our parks. Leave it to have at home, restaurants, bars etc.

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- I do not think that is good idea. Because I lived in country where alcohol was allowed on public area. People can easily cross their "limits" for alcohol. Therefore they can hurt someone or hurt themselves.
- No
- Unnecessary
- Other people may be concerned about exposing children to seeing the usage of alcohol. But I honestly think it's good for children to see the responsible use of alcohol in a social setting. That way when they come of age they're likely to drink responsibly
- My wife and I would not want to have a picnic near rowdy drinkers. We are concerned that some people will go overboard and become intoxicated around our family.
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- Kids will feel ok to have it.
- Canada is multicultural...people with different faiths and values... not good for them
- Yes. If you see the environment where liquor is consumed is very much dangerous compared to where it is not consumed. Hence it must not be allowed in public areas
- Police the people who are allowed to do it. Have police officers on bikes asking for id's. Ban people from drinking if they pass infractions. Shoot, if people don't take liquor well and misbehave, put an infraction on their license.
- No
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- What I think the parks have to be safe for kids and family how go to have good Time with kids have to feel safe and secure. We know always where you see people with liquor you see problem and fights how want drink liquor stay & home or go have fun Bar
- I don't want drunk people around my kids. That is a huge concern... if this is the case I will not go to parks
- Yes, see above... we really don't need to take the bar scene to the parks... not to mention that it will take business away from bars... why mess with something that's not broken. Public consumption of alcohol should not be encouraged...
- worry about the potential for normalization/precedent setting of alcohol consumption in public places overall
- Littering. And the cleanliness of our parks.
- Let's make this happen city wide for free.

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- Open container laws are overbearing and punish many responsible individuals for the misdemeanors of few. People should be punished for the actions they commit sober or under the influence rather than for drinking alcohol
- It is not good for public safety and kids
- Not safe for people
- No
- No comment
- This motion should not pass
- no
- It's a liability to city/ may cause accidents / irregular behavior in public etc
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- It shouldn't be allowed.
- No. It would be a great thing for Calgary
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- No
- No
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- Free parking
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- Drinking and driving
- we can not even patrol people who smoke in places they should not. how do we plan on policing this. bad idea all around
- Refer 2 above
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- Allowing liquor in public would negatively affect our communities and our children
- I just don't see any good coming from this, and very much fear that excessive drinking would become an issue. I just really don't want people to be intoxicated in our parks. I feel like this would greatly increase the risk of potential criminal activity
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- Allowing it in park have no benefits what so ever
- too much concern about health and safety of kids.
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- Drinking Alcoholic beverages at public places should not be allowed.
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- no
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- Mainly that recycling is encouraged with easy to access receptacles. Keep our green space clean!
- Inevitably people would ruin a nice experience. This could have potential but I have zero faith in humanity.
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- I'm not sure why this is being considered. Not allowing drinking in public parks has kept them a safe and family friendly environment for years.
- It will make the beauty of parks disappear.
- Many concerns any body has kids you can take your your kids where drunk people hanging around
- No to be allowed at all
- No
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- drunk idiots leave big messes
- Let's do it
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- I would be willing to pay for the opportunity to have beer or wine at an event. One would sign a document around behavior and liability
- There would be more costs because most drinking leads to not disposing properly
- Unlike the Provincial Parks where people can camp and get away, the City Parks seem to be more family and health oriented. I just do not see the benefit of throwing alcohol into the mix. People are so unpredictable when they drink...
- No
- Yes, it's a family area and it should follow family friendly rules.
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- Yes. You are trying to cut back and people drinking and driving and you think it's okay if they take a 6 pack to the park, drink them leave?
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- Not safe
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- Just that, as with the worries expressed leading up to the legalization of marijuana, permitting drinking in parks does NOT mean it will become mandatory. Legal marijuana came into effect with barely a squeak, so would legal alcohol in parks.
- Canabias is enough. Money is not everything
- These areas have little security and risk of vagrancy is already high in most parks. Many parks already have a problem with intoxicated persons lingering. This will make that worse. Parks should be family friendly.

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- This is allowed all over the world with no issues.
- No
- N/A
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- Yeah dont charge people for a public area already supposed to be free to them.
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- Yes, it would be alright to have certain smaller parks in areas where children aren't living. There should be limits and boundaries, maybe even times of the day you can drink.
- Clashes over who knows what because people are intoxicated
- I suppose it may require more supervision to ensure people follow the rules, so I expect there would be some increased costs.
- Yes,if liquor is consumed at designated picnic parks,this reduces my chances of getting a park that's easy and very convenient for different people based on lactation and proximity to wherever is pleasing to such individuals.
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- I think allowing this is not going to change how the majority consumes alcohol at all. It's a nice way for people to get out and enjoy our parks while having a couple of drinks like we would do in our own yards. This is not going to make me consume more
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- Great spot for Calgary police to do breathalyzers. People like to have lots of drinks on a hot summer day.
- Not to be allowed
- It needs to be done responsibly
- Can put people in danger
- no concerns at all
- none
- I am not in favor of this
- Garbage cleanup / glass bottles
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- Correct disposing areas for recycling
- this is really just a bad idea
- The garbage people would leave behind. I would hope for more garbage cans so people can throw their garbage away. Ideally there would be bylaw officers or police who would fine people.
- You've captured all my concerns and opinions in previous questions

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- Consumption of liquor should go hand in hand with the consumption of cannabis.
- this is crazy. Do you honest believe that people will behave themselves? No pilot project as you should not be moving forward with is. The police have far more important things to do then respond to people drinking in parks.
- Nope
- Start slow.
- No
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- No
- That will expose children to alcohol and can have very bad effect on them. I am 100 percent not in this favor
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- Picnic parking beauty will be effected
- This type of freedom is long overdue
- I think it's a great idea
- Littering will be a huge issue. We need our citizens to step up and want our parks to be clean at all times.
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- The worst idea ever enough is enough
- No
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- Yes. People leaving a mess, being too loud, drinking and driving and also police coming and Administering breathalyzers in the park
- If done responsibly and you don't drive for a couple of hours after a drink I have no concerns whatsoever. This is already happening anyway. Maybe it legal.
- I think it is a good thing in general. There will always be people who drink too much but I feel like that will happen regardless.
- It shouldn't be allowed. Calgary should be safe for us
- Making it mandatory to drink only at designated tables is arbitrary and controlling. Sitting on a picnic blankets or lawn chairs is no more dangerous than drinking at a table.
- No
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- None, let's do it Calgary!

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- Perhaps sites should be limited as to the amount and types of alcohol consumed - such as, beer and wine are ok. Hard liquor is not. Maybe the timing is important to. These places also need to be monitored so things don't get out of control.
- We would need more police to handle problems arising from public intoxication, more drinking and driving
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- No.
- Just concerned about people abusing liquor in public parks. Although I think if people are abusing liquor they are likely doing that already in various parts of the city.
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- I am willing to forgo the option for myself, so as to prevent less responsible ppl from abusing the option and requiring more police/bylaw monitoring, park clean up, etc
- Why is the city wasting time looking into this? Intoxicated people in public really help out society. The city is investing tax payer money into studies like this? Are you joking?
- I reject
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- People are welcome to go out to eating establishments that are licensed and to have people into their homes, but in public parks, we should not have access to alcohol.
- I'm concerned re how will this be policed, who will clean up messes, what damage will be caused to the environment by those consuming, if drinking is allowed will marijuana use also be allowed. How will my taxes be affected?
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- Yes I have lot of concerns as it will affect my children behaviour and have bad influence on them. Please it is a request do not start liquor consumption on picnic sites in parks.
- Yes, there already lot of disorderly behaviour issues on public transit, allowing liquor at public places will increase these issues
- Not really, I'd like to see it in our city!!!
- Should never be allowed
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- It will just be opening up a can of hurt into the communities, loud parties in quiet places, littering, drinking and driving in playground parking lots (the drinkers have to go home sooner or later)
- Please do not allow liquor in the parks.
- Safety
- Bring Calgary up to date with liquor laws.

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- Same as above
- How would the city monitor and police safe consumption of liquor? We don't have a culture of liquor consumption that way that Europe has had for years so people don't have it normalised into their social fabric and I'm concerned of public drunkenness.
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- Liquor should not be authorized at the parks
- My comments are hopefully more of the picnic sights are being used. Take people outside hope.
- Nope, you allow adults to do this I think it will be well received and respected
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- No... People do it already
- just concerned about people who struggle with alcoholism having another location to drink openly and could contribute to normalizing unhealthy drinking behaviours.
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- Education will be key to appropriate use, just as with recycling and leave no trace ethics, use of firepits and barbecues, etc.
- A lot damage to park unacceptable environment for kids to be in let's have a clean safe place plz for families
- Already mentioned above T
- Yes.
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- Not really.
- It works in Montreal and around the world, so let's give it a whirl!
- It's ridiculous. Who will control it? More drunks, more incidences, more litter. This isn't Europe. We don't have the same responsible relationship with alcohol.
- Consumption of alcohol does not belong in public parks. People can drink on private property or in licensed facilities. Other park users should not have to put up with drunken behaviour. We all know the City does not have the manpower to police this.
- No.
- Yea if you're going to allow adults to consume dont restrict the parks of its legal than its legal not just geographically legal. Grow up already. Stop making things so complicated
- There will be people who don't understand the law or who take advantage of it. I would hope the City plans to have increased patrol of the parks for safety
- Yes, Liquor should not be allowed at any picnic sites
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- Soon everyone will want to smoke pot in parks, too. Please keep it at home so there is no chance of indulging and driving.

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- I have two concerns. Over consumption that impacts the enjoyment and/or security of others enjoying the park. Litter is my other concern. If drinking allowed I would like to see public disturbance and littering fines increased significantly - tripled
- A place where children n families play should nit be a place for alcohol!
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- I think it's a great idea. Adults should be responsible enough. Calgary is very progressive and this is another example.
- Litter - make sure there are clear designated stations to recycle. Or consider adding donation stations where we can donate our refundable recycling
- I think it is a great idea.
- I think even though I am a wine and spirits drinker... I feel that the parks and public spaces are for families and leisure and it shouldn't have to do with things that in Hance your mood or alter your state of mind it's a sad message to send out youth ..
- It's a horrible idea
- I see the consumption of alcohol already being a regular event at parks. I see no reason why adults should not be able to enjoy that as long as they are not impacting on the enjoyment of others.
- just right out stupid that this is being addressed and yet, not surprised with what andwho the city, listens too.
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- Don't over think it. Most of the world already allows this. People who are going to abuse it will do so whether it is legal or not.
- I am surprised it is being considered in the first place. I do not want to see allowance of liquor in public parks. I would stop going to the parks and never have a booking for parties.
- People abusing liquor consumption and becoming drunk and disorderly. Also potential drinking and driving.
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- If it becomes allowed, but restricted to specific areas, the monitoring involved devalues the potential benefits
- No
- Above anything else, the proposed bylaw MUST be equal and applicable to liquor, cigarettes, and cannabis consumption.
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- No
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- One of the great thinks in Canada is outdoor entertainment (and summer is short). Why even this idea came out targeting such a recreational possibility for Calgarians? Business over health?

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- No
- I am not against liquor, and drink liquor myself, but unfortunately if you allow it at parks, people will use the parks for loud parties, there will be more crime (such as fights/shootings) as people overindulge. There will be littering everywhere.
- This will not change laws of public intoxication or underage drinking so I think the risk of negative affects from this change are minimal.
- Alcohol is a drug. We already are dealing with significant drug issues in the city. People should use drugs in the privacy of their homes and not in public.
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- please allow. freedom and openness in public spaces is important. this may even help policing, since those that are already consuming will no longer need to be ticketed or detained.
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- It works in Europe because Europeans have a civilized view of drinking. Too many folks in Calgary have the how much can I drink in the least amount of time! Check out the beer cans/bottles on the streets Sat AM.
- More designated areas for garbage and bottles.
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- Should only be low ABV beverages such as Beer, Coolers. Should also only be allowed while eating (require having a meal)
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- Have been to Europe 20X..... alcohol and parks mix works well. I have no confidence it will work here due to very different attitudes, decisions and values surrounding alcohol use relative to Europe. The proposal is naive.
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- Huge concerns. If I (a 50 year old female) would ask a 21 year old intoxicated person to be quiet, he either wouldn't listen or worse. I'd feel vulnerable. I would most likely have to leave the park rather than the person causing the problems.
- Safety, noise, mess left behind, drunken behaviour
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- These are area of nature and need protecting, they don't need a bunch of semi-adults drinking themselves silly and disturbing those who choose to enjoy it for what it is.
- I think it's an excellent and progressive move, and I welcome more like it.
- See above
- Your allowing people to smoke weed now.. let us have a beer while we play with out dogs...
- People already find ways to do it now. So what's the difference in making it legal? Same thing with marijuana.
- I have co cerns of a abuse by others. A limit of how many can be enjoyes could be establishes. Drinking games don't need to be happening. Public Intoxication should still be banned. I think a basic covering of your beverage container is a good idea
- This is something that we have experienced in other countries and it feels downright wonderful to be able to enjoy whatever beverage you might want in outdoor public spaces. We have not seen any 'debauchery', only respectful and pleasant experiences.
- You should allow responsible use of cannabis as well
- We would need increased supervision to ensure people are following rules. Would like to see a limit of how much people could drink so it is a casual experience and not intoxicating
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- Montgomery Town Square has benches, but is not used other than by people who want handouts, or some seem intoxicated. They ask people going to Safeway for money. This could occur in parks if they want more alcohol.
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- Other than above, i see increase in drug activities with alcohol.
- Just need to be monitored by park staff in transition time.
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- In Europe it's not an issue and I lived there for many years.
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- See above comments I'm against this
- There will need to be good recycling and garbage receptacles so that the parks will stay clean for the enjoyment of everyone.
- Yes It would be nice to have a beer or a glass of wine with dinner or lunch and most people would be responsible, but then there is the % that wouldn't.
- Nope
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- My biggest concern would that it would possibly affect the environment. Some people may not clean up after themselves and leave beer cans, bottles and boxes everywhere. Our parks could become littered with alcohol and I wouldn't want to see that happen.
- Parks are not made for liquor consumption. Please stay in your pubs and clubs or home and do what ever you want to do. But, not at the cost of others independence and safety'.
- I run a business close to bars and every weekend fights happens between drunks people and people get hurt. I have seen guys get stab, punch, slap and more. By brining liquor to parks you are putting people Risk at
- Get 'er done
- Homeless people coming to pick bottles. People littering. Drunk behaviour close to playgrounds
- I think that generally people are doing it anyway, just with a different container for the most part. It's rare in global terms to have a ban on open alcohol, compared to other developed nations (Europe, Japan, etc). Canada and the US are standouts
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- It needs to be controlled, but I think it's a no brainer
- I know that there will be concerns around this trial, however the same expectation is held of all people consuming liquor. Dont drink/drive, dont be drunk/disorderly etc. Anyone being overly roudy would be reported. I think this change is manageable.
- It's a bad idea..atleast there should be outdoor places where drinking should not be allowed especially where families are visiting..make adults parks where adults can drink as they drink in bars..
- this will be very difficult to regulate and like I said earlier- the idiots will push the envelope on this and be drunk and disorederly in these areas. Also, has anyone consulted the CPS about this, like they need more to do!
- I suggest you study how consumption of liquor in public has worked for major cities in Europe. Germany is a great example. I was there in summer and the parks are clean and people are behaved.
- Yea I don't recommend that we need more free activity for kids not alcohol sites
- just an other waste of money and time by city council.
- Great idea. I wouldn't want to see too many restrictions around needing to be at a picnic table. I'd like people to be able to use picnic blankets or just sit on the grass or a rock.
- I am a social drinker myself, but I think that opening public parks to liquor consumption would be a mistake. I've seen alcohol overused by river floaters with unacceptable results.
- Lets get progressive and lighten up these archaic regs a bit
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- There are enough safe places people can consume alcohol please don't let expose open public places to alcohol drinking.
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- Inherently a bad idea, today the picnic areas are a safer bet for my grandchildren to enjoy a fun time out in Calgary parks without the chance of negative interaction, with patrons that can't survive 2 hours without drink or drugs, just saying.
- There can be safety concerns.
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- I don't think it will be as bad as people think, people that get wasted can still be removed, all it will change is that respectful people won't have to hide their drinking
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- Should be regulated to avoid public intoxication and should have monitoring to avoid drinking and driving.
- My concerns are noted above. Good luck with the pilot project.
- Must clean up after. If any damage done or broken bottles around site, fine the one that booked. Have rule that no glass bottles around.
- Many! Health impact and equity impact assessments should be done PRIOR to pilot and implementation. This policy only benefits the already pro-life groups of people. A Health-in-All-Policies approach should be taken.
- As long as there is a fee, and recycling bins and garbage cans nearby I think it will be fine.
- Environmental, people behaviour, children see people drinking,
- Should be banned
- Again, people already do it so I think by allowing people to do it legally, there's less of a rush to drink in excess prior or to do silly things in order to consume alcohol.
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- Increase the number of recycling containers. Ticket those who vandalize or damage property.
- Ideally I would prefer that any relatively inconspicuous, inoffensive, orderly partaking of liquor in parks should be considered acceptable almost anywhere but rowdy group parties should probably require booking a specific shelter or site.
- I think it would encourage disorderly and undesirable conduct; how is proper and improper liquor consumption going to be enforced; how will enforcement be paid for?
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- Should not be allowed
- No
- None put it through

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- I have been to numerous parks & outdoor venues in Cape Town, South Africa where consumption of alcohol is permitted. It was wonderful to be able to enjoy a glass of wine or beer with a picnic listening to great music. I didn't see any cases of drunkenness.
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- Ensure there police regularly patrol the parks, as they should be anyway
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- I understand why some people might want this, and I would agree if the regulations are: 1.- only a few around the city. 2.- No tolerance for any disturbance. 3.- at Least \$150.00 fee non refundable, and \$500.00 for any disturbance. Trial for one season.
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- Please allow this!
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- I think it might be a good idea to just do beer and wine. The hard alcohol doesn't seem necessary and could be difficult to manage. People might use irresponsibility. I think beer and wine would be great in public space.
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- Yes
- It should not be allowed.
- My only concern is that people won't respect it as a casual past time and may abuse the right to drink in the parks.
- No
- At the end of the day it allows people that live in appartements or secondary suites the ability to spend some quality time outdoors and responsibly enjoy our public spaces
- Include recycle bins but not ones that would attract bottle pickers who could dig through them
- I think there are ways opportunities for people to take laws to the extreme but in reality I think people will add to the enjoyment of their events in a way that is respectful. It's important that parks have proper garbage disposal and signage about waste
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- No, plenty of countries allow drinking in public spaces and there are no more alcohol related issues.
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- I think if liquor is allowed then all intoxications should be allowed as they should all be treated the same, that being said nothing should be allowed
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- People would need to be responsible for educating their own children about alcohol consumption. They would also need to be responsible to ensure no drinking and driving would take place and that there are designated drivers available.
- This proposal is as bad as the proposed pot consumption areas. This liquor consumption proposal needs to die in the planning stages. People who need to drink can do so on private property. Maybe a private enterprise could create drinking/picnic parks.
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- Make it only to a max time at night. Like 10 PM
- Yes as indicated in questionnaire.
- As I said above, I am concerned there will not be enough, if any, policing.
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- This is a HORRIBLE idea for public safety.
- If drinking alcohol allowed in public area now, tomorrow you will allow to make up and have sex in the public too.
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- My concern are as stated earlier above.
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- There are places where people can consume liquor freely like bars where kids aren't allowed to enter it, so I see its not necessary to apply this project in parks.
- Yes. Concerned. Should not be allowed.
- Possibility of cans/bottles being left and causing homeless or scavengers to disrupt a gathering to rummage through the trash
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- Yeah I do
- Perhaps that people would be driving home drunk, but that's the same risk as when people go out to restaurants to consume alcohol.
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- Safety risk will increase
- Noted in 2 above.

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- Public intoxication should be heavily enforced and appropriate action should be taken to those who abuse this.
- No concerns.
- It is horrible. Please do not allow to drink in parks
- Again, our society can afford to be less prescriptive. Restaurants/bars are now too expensive, so I enjoy my quiet time having a few drinks in public instead of at the bar. No harm done to society, and I get to enjoy more fresh air.
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- No
- There should still be bylaw enforcement and tickets if unruly or obnoxious behavior. If Public intoxication occurs then tickets for that. But allow someone 1 or 2 drinks without penalty
- THEY CAN DRINK AT BARS OR THEIR HOMES
- Many other countries allow drinking in public or have picnic laws more open than this proposal, including in Canada (Montreal). Don't give in to Reefer Madness type fear about the possible impacts.
- No
- Make sure there are plenty of recycling bins!!
- More recycling bins available to keep the park clean, and avoid unnecessary waste of putting recyclables in garbage bins.
- Would this include the ability to enjoy a beverage while listening to outdoor concerts in parks?
- I have concerns that those youth which are not yet explore to liquor will easily try those thing and they at their age are not able to decide their limit. So ultimately we are throwing kids and youth those surrounding which leads to their bad health.
- Keep liquor out of parks
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- Drink in parks will cause problems and disorderly conduct
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- Yes all of the above it mention. T3
- Disapprove - disorderly conduct, damage to public property, potential violence, etc.
- There are so many concerns. In North America our laws are so antiquated compared to other countries in the world
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- Don't do it.

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- People are doing it anyways, allow them do it safely by making it legal. Also ensure folks are using a DD or cab/Uber service
- Drinking and driving
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- No, but as I have answered previously, advocate with the province to move it beyond just picnic sites with food. Be realistic. Why can't someone have a sip or two while playing frisbee at a park? We are adults and can regulate ourselves accordingly. Thanks
- No.
- Public parks are not the place for liquor consumption. People go to enjoy community and the outdoors without the potential to be disrupted by loud, raucous patrons. Increased security concerns would almost certainly result.
- Enforce more against broken bottles/littering and allow persons to enjoy a drink with their dinner while visiting parks. This will encourage more young adults to visit and enjoy parks ensuring the value of the parks is not lost on the younger generation.
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- No
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- No, the laws still remain about public intoxication and drunk driving. You can have fun and not break the laws.
- Yes, tons of concerns. Including the ones checked mark above and more. Honestly, I do not see any benefits with allowing liquor. We are trying to educate our younger generations to avoid liquor!
- No
- Please keep our parks alcohol free.
- All the concerns as sited above
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- A person doesn't need to be drinking in a park, period!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Why reduce parks ? No cocern if the city build new park designated for consumption
- No it is not good
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- Please don't allow this to happen! Families go to parks with the assumption that it's a family friendly place and by allowing liquor, it takes away from that. Please dont do ir
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- We do! Children need to be able to play at Parks without being subjected to liquor being present.

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- Not really. There's always people that will bring trouble no matter what you allow or not. People are already drinking in hiding. It like anywhere, disturbing behaviour is not welcome and you'll have to face the convenience if you act like it
- No
- Stupidity.
- No
- No
- it's kind of a [removed] idea, just keep it illegal and keep the rules loose. Give em an inch, and they will take a mile
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- The only thing I see is having sufficient amount of recycling bins. The recycling would generate some revenue and would keep the parks cleaner
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- I think it is not a priority for the city to be doing this at this time. As well, I think people in those neighbourhoods would be adversely affected. It would attract homeless people with addictions
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- No
- I have my concerns indicated in question number two.
- No. I understand the concern that people will go overboard but this concern is equally valid at a house party or bar.
- Liquor should not be allowed in any park
- No
- Yes. You changed laws regarding drinking & driving (very good) then you allow drinking in public areas. Doesn't make sense to me. Won't that contribute to driking & driving? What are you going to do to manage that...?
- See above
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- Why would you support alcohol in parks around youth.
- Only that there be recycling bins so people can properly dispose of the bottles/cans so they're being recycled
- How would this consumption be monitored or regulated, it will cause problems of overconsumption, inappropriate Behavior, safety risks to others. Ridiculous!
- Make it happen, maybe create a adult only park somewhere in calgary where liquor is allowd
- no
- Recyling addition for can and bottles on the side of garbage cans would be nice

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- Let's take responsibility of our kids future not just our present leisure.
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- Who is the hair brain who came up with this ridiculous idea? It seems that someone is trying to employ their friends who were had patronage jobs with the Olympic bid.
- No concerns.
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- I believe the key is to encourage responsible behaviour around this. If people are going to have a beer with a burger and hang out, no issue. If they are going to drink and drive - Big Issue.
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- No
- It should not happen, people who want to drink can do so in their backyards I do not want my kids to be exposed to it in public and I do not want to go to a park and deal with rowdy crowds especially the younger ones
- Please don't allow liquor.
- Underage drinking or parties at picnic sites getting out of control.
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- I have no issues with it if it's being done in a responsible manor, not excessively and causing a disturbance for family's and others.
- I would be fine if you had to have a liquor licence, book a picnic shelter and get a licence.
- Since 90% of the population has no common sense, we can't rely on people to obey the rules and not drink excessively. Plus, if this is approved, the next step is allowing marijuana consumption, which I disagree with.
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- Liquor not allowed at picnic sites
- Too dangerous
- Making it legal, having a designated area, proper disposal available, and more park authorities will make drinking in parks safer. People do it anyways and those people would rather do it legally than get a ticket, guaranteed.
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- There's just no need for it. Let's all enjoy our parks sober.
- I am concerned about the mess that will be left behind and potential unruly behavior of drunk college kids.
- No
- I think it would be great

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- I don't understand how it will be monitored, and if someone drinks outside of the designated spot (like on the walk from the car to the space) what will happen to them? I've been drinking at public parks for years and never had a problem.
- It should be allowed everywhere. Many countries allow it without issues.
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- Yes
- No concerns
- I think this is a great idea
- No
- I like the family friendly, safe and clean Calgary. Like it is.
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- Our prohibition-era type laws around public consumption of alcohol are arcane. It should make difference whether I drink a Coke or a beer in a public park so long as I don't adversely affect the public. I welcome this potential change in City bylaws.
- Recycling bins need to be readily available to use
- Yes. This is going to ruin my enjoyment of parks. I've seen liquor use in camp grounds (late night screaming, music, running through other people's sites). I doubt you will budget the money to enforce this and we will be left alone to deal with it.
- Not really
- I do not recommend it because this would allow interaction between drunk people and the other public and could create lots of issues
- No
- Allowing alcohol will increase city's liability and other resources in terms of calling police and other public disturbance
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- Consumption of liquor is a plague that needs to be contained instead of letting it expand to public areas.
- Like smoking, consumption of alcohol should be discouraged specially in public areas.
- Whichever sites get an allowance for alcohol should also have the recycling receptacles to support. Littering is my biggest concern but should be manageable just like the consumption of any other food or beverage.
- Just control of consumption for those that don't have a self-regulation for limits
- No, people do it anyways
- About time
- I am afraid picnic with friends would become way more fun!

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- There's concerns any time alcohol is involved, but I don't think the issues will be any different than drinking at an establishment.
- Yes, we should have the freedom of consuming alcohol in large areas of the site. We shouldn't be restricted in small areas or kept in a pen like chickens.
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- I am concerned protesters or people who disagree with alcohol will harass park goers.
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- No
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- It's not going to be fun anymore. Lets leave liquor consumptions in bars and at home.
- Great idea
- Is the proper infrastructure in place to handle a possible influx of recycling?
- Control how much people can bring and drink at the public spaces. And maybe allow them at certain times of the day of which they are permissible to allow Alcohol.
- No
- My concern is that some may simply use these site to consume alcohol and nothing else. The point of easing restrictions should be that alcoholic beverages may be consumed with food.
- Isn't this question 2? No more then my concerns around public intoxication today.
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- I see no reason why this should be banned
- It will create more problem and it won't be safe anymore
- First liquor will be allowed in parks, and then weed. Don't want my kids around any of that
- See #2 in this survey.
- I don't feel it's necessary. But then I don't consume alcohol even otherwise. People might definitely have a different opinion.
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- Just ensuring there are laws in place to keep people responsible for their trash. The existing laws should be sufficient just enforced. CCTV cameras or something.
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- concern about the usual "bad apples" which will ruin the fun
- Bring it. And cannabis.
- No
- Not in public place like smoking
- My main concern is insuring that there are adequate refuse and recycling bins available in these areas and regular cleaning of sites. I want to see them maintained and not a dumping ground - insuring the integrity and cleanliness of the rest of the park

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- Yes absolutely liquor should not allow any park. My sussison is only allow in liquor bar that's. Not even any place.
- I feel that there would be more risk of public disputes.
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- I would not recommened that liquor yo be allowed in picnic sites because it would be Dangerous for kids.
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- Should not allow.
- It's a public facility for every one but we have some responsibility for our city and country and the people who live here and we have bar and reasurant and we can drink it at home and picnic site shoul always have healthy environment so not prefer .
- Not really. I think it's a good idea.
- I will not go to the parks who allows liquor consumption
- It must not allowed at picnic sites
- It will lead to loud disorderly behaviour and you'll end up with broken bottles everywhere. Children playing in parks should not have to be concerned about broken glass shards.
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- No concerns
- This is stupid. Adults can manage a few hours without booze. Keep this out of Bowness and Baker.
- It's not safe as mentioned above highlights.
- No
- Other than potential for littering, there's a concern that law enforcement might start to be more invasive in seatching out people who could be violating existing public intoxication laws. I'd want to be sure that legalizing liquor doesnt increase this.
- My concerns would be drinking and driving and possibly disorderly behavior.
- None. Let adults be adults
- No.
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- Littering is a big concern of mine
- Nope! I think it is a great idea.
- This should definitely go forward.
- No. Honestly, a lot of people already drink at parks and I've never seen it as an issue; it would just be legal. Similar to weed being legalized; everyone thought people would be high all the time and cause issues but there hasn't been any change.

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- As long as people aren't out of control, partying, then I think it is fine. You can drink in the streets in most places in Europe and it is super chill, not an issue. It is a big deal here only because we make it into one.
- What kind of police presence would you have in parks?
- Don't support this idea to allow consumption of alcohol in open public areas.
- Parks are there to go with family and childrens not for drunks.
- Public service announcements about what is expected of anyone drinking. People need to know the boundaries even if it seems like it should be common knowledge.
- No concerns. I think we should also look at allowing Cannabis to be smoked at parks. As people smoke cigarettes. If they choose to have a designated area for it, that is fine. But this is all legal. We should be allowed to drink/smoke while being responsi
- I think it la a great idea and should be open without too many restrictions. However, I do think if your behaviour is unbecoming, there should be strict fines.
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- No, I have no concerns. We need to trust that as adults we can consume alcohol responsibly. The Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act provides appropriate provisions for handling people who have consumed too much and become 'intoxicated in public'.
- If only specific sites are approve, I worry they will become targets for police
- No as long as it is clear which sites allow liquor and which don't.
- No.
- Liquor should be limited to non-glass containers only
- next there will be requests to smoke pot in picnic sites
- People not drinking responsibly
- We already have laws that make it illegal to intoxicated in public. People should be able to responsibly enjoy a beer outside without fearing legal repercussions.
- No
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- No major concern. A small concern of possible broken glass.
- It will gonna suppress the right and free space of one who doesn't consume alcohol. Will increase city liability that will be done on my tax money.
- Parks and picnic are places where family and kids hang out. I honestly don't understand why you would want to allow alcohol in the mix. I wont be feel comfortable with going to parks. Considering we only get summer time to go to parks!
- I think drinking a parka should be allowed, not just at picnic tables.

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- It would need to be (or Atleast, should be) monitored, therefore costing tax payers more money
- So unnecessary!!! Calgary parks are great so don't spoil them!
- Overdrinking by some
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- Broken glass, increased chance of aggressive behavior, increased drinking and driving in an area filled with children
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- Maybe having a depot recycling bin on site.
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- impossible for police to continually patrol and it will lead to far more alcoholics & homeless drinking in the open and messing public facilities and being unruly and noisy.
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- No. As mentioned above, I think people will abuse it at first, and that will taper off as it becomes the norm.
- As we've all seen in previous social engagements, there is always at least one adult who is not responsible witg liquor consumption and rules are in place for a reason. Even at family events people cannot manage their alcohol consumption responsibly.
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- This is a stupid idea. Will cause more issues obviously.
- Yes see above
- There is no logical reson for doing so.
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- No concerns.
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- N/A
- I don't think it's a good idea.
- No
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- Please do not allow. Drinking and driving will increase and that aftermat . City is looking at increasing revenue by doing this. Shame on you.
- None.

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- Those who want to drink in public and be irresponsible do so anyways, despite the law. All loosening legislation will do is encourage a more regulated environment, with responsible drinkers who did not want to break the law in the first place
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- Are the police going to be in the parks making sure people act appropriately?
- No concerns
- As long as disruptive and dangerous behaviour is not occurring it should be permitted like it is in most of the world.
- No
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- No
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- It should be allowed in all areas of a park. Whether I'm sunbathing or throwing a frisbee, I would like the freedom to consume what I choose. If I or anyone else does so in a disruptive way then fines should occur
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- No
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- how would you control picnic goers from bringing and consuming liquor at sites that do not allow liquor? would it not mean an increase on security and manpower to monitor all picnic sites?
- Not safe for children around.
- Designated recycling bins for empty not trash cans
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- I think it's a great idea! I loved having wine with our picnics while in Montreal!
- Public spaces should not allow consumption of alcohol. Create a specific private area away from everyone else if outdoor drinking space is required
- NO
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- No. The people who will binge drink or do drugs will do it regardless of this regulation. In my opinion, this is to allow responsible adults to consume a beer or two in a park. No big deal.
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- No
- Just not near the river. Just ask the Calgary Fire Department how many drunk idiots they have had to risk their own lives to save.
- I am little nervous that such legislations are trending towards allowing all kinds of liquor (now) and later will allow Cannabis, drugs... Etc. You name it. Please remember that one day due to such trend we all will lose Canada as we love it.
- There's more risk of disorderly behaviour and safety concerns when alcohol is consumed.
- Most are responsible but a few boors will create regular problems. Bylaw/police already cannot manage workload - forget policing this without increased spending. If approved, next we'll hear "Why not pot?". Let some other city test how dumb this is!
- Well worth giving it a try, great idea.
- The Individual or group should still be in control; moderation is key.
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- All over the world liquor laws are relaxed and there are problems yes but not as much as people who hide it.
- It is an utterly ridiculous idea that will increase drunk driving after a picnic, disrupt regular families' park use and endanger everyone in the parks. If anyone at the city seriously thinks there's a positive to this then I question their competency.
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- While most people would probably be responsible in their consumption I worry about those who would drink and drive or whose behaviour would become disorderly, causing problems and exposing children to it.
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- Focus should be on environment and waste. There should be stiff penalties for litter. At the same time there should be ample receptacles for recycling, compost, and waste. A strong focus on clean parks will breed responsible alcohol consumption.
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- No.
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- Yes. Poor public behavior will increase (bars need bouncers for a reason) and we do not have, nor can we afford the resources to police this. The City needs to find ways to reduce, not increase spending.
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- I'm concerned that idiots would ruin a great thing.
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- Increased bylaw enforcement on disorderly behavior seems as though it would be prudent.
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- Nothing serious
- Hoping people will not take advantage and ruin a good thing for everyone else. Hopefully the police will be able to catch and stop those whose behavior is unacceptable.
- Not really. The majority of people wouldn't be getting drunk in a park in the afternoon.
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- No
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- No
- No
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- Drunk driving/river floating, litter
- This is a real bad idea
- I don't believe it will increase public drunkenness and disorderly behaviour, I think it will be a step toward Calgary having a more positive attitude
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- I don't want to see my taxes just to accommodate someone enjoying alcohol in public space, as I see this proposition a loss making venture.
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- It shouldnt be legal
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- I would be concerned with unruly behavior, damage to city property. It could also result in an increase in drinking and driving
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- Underage drinking.
- no.
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- It should be allowed.
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- People need to learn to police themselves which will take time and adjustment as a culture.
- Yes see answers to Quwstion 2
- My concerns are the behavior of the drunks, whoever wants to drink can do so at his own house

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- Enough places for public to consume alcohol, leave the parks and kids alone.
- This doesn't go well with kids safety as we'll have increased drink driving concerns.
- Picnics are family orientated and should remain safe and enjoyable
- Yes disorderly conduct
- We live near Stanley park and already witness illegal drinking which results in people peeing in the open and on private property, excess litter, noise, litter in the river.
- Had a wonderful time having a bottle of wine with my wife in a park in the south of France. No issues there, Canada seems to be more pruders.
- Liquor should not be allowed at Public parks. Safety of family including children should not be compromised.
- Making sure they are enough recycling and garbage disposal with parks that are allowed liquor to make sure polluting and waste is reduced.
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- Shouldn't be allowed
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- No
- I am all for responsible drinking but public parks should be kept alcohol free
- No
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- Proper waste disposal and removal
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- Would there be added security to observe those sites to ensure people are following the laws? Ie: public intoxication, driving drunk?
- It's very disturbing for many reasons, kids, behavior, stability
- Park visitors with their kids are out there to enjoy peaceful time, not to have trouble in atmosphere infested with drunks.
- Why is this even needed right now? Our parks are well utilized as-is.
- No concerns. I look forward to this basic freedom.
- Potentially allowing alcohol consumption in parks, and cigarettes, but not cannabis? I don't understand this logic.
- No concerns
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- My likelihood of avoiding such sites is higher. I don't want the added fuss, mess, volume, public drunkenness...
- People lack discipline and don't know when to stop. With liquor in parks it will only get worse
- People are doing it anyway. Just like cannabis being legal, it won't change the behavior just make it legal.
- Calgary is a world class city, keep up with the times already.
- Strong presence of police to make sure people aren't getting out of hand
- None at the moment
- No
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- I would not like it, it would bother me to see drinking in the park.
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- Drinking in home is safe. Not family parks.
- It's quite widely accepted around the world and like I said previously, it already happens.
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- I think the majority of people are not going to take advantage of this opportunity. Very few will get blasted drunk and if they do they should be removed by bylaw or CPS. I SEE THIS AS A CHANCE TO TEACH/show responsible consumption.
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- Yes, I have concerns about children being exposed to consumption of liquor and other intoxicants
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- No
- Concern would be how do you ensure responsible use? And how can you support enforcement efforts or security presence... Really keeping younger crowds with strong livers using it to party in check would be my only concern.. because i was one..
- Should not allowed
- Shouldn't be allowed or encouraged
- More recycling bins
- When responsible individuals are involved the risks are lower than those that drink irresponsibly. The only concern I have is that younger individuals may abuse the idea.
- What constitutes 'food'? A bag of chips? A hot dog? There are lots of places to drink alcohol. We don't need it in public natural areas.

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- No
- No. Do it!
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- It should not be allowed.
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- Stop letting the NIMBYs ruin things for everyone.
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- No
- No
- The liability to the city is very high. Wait until the first assault or sexual assault occurs, which they will.
- That will creat an unsafe area like down town core where people are wandering around drunk do not know what they are after.
- Dangerous to the safety of people
- No
- Make sure there are enough recyling bins at each site
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- garbage, behavior, damage. discourage families and some cultures from enjoying parks
- Yes, if next to high schools it could encourage underage drinking. Litter and public urination could be a concern, but well maintained facilities should keep that in check. Yelling could be an issue if the picnics are up against residential areas.
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- Should not be allowed
- yes
- Get it done!
- No
- liquor consumption should be banned
- I think it's a great idea!
- no
- No
- Yes. I believe this is an indirect approach to next approving smoking. First we get the green light for alcohol;then smoking. Let's support stronger family values....this does not require alcohol.
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- No
- No
- No
- it happens regardless. Just pour your beer in a contigo cup

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- no
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- It would be the young people drinking liquor in the parks, along with that will come problems. We already do not have enough police for our streets, why do we want to give them more work to protect or break up fights from too much liquor consumption.
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- Allowing liquor at parks may also rise a new debate that can someone consume liquor as a passenger in a vehicle?
- Drunk people, litter, drinking and driving
- How will those using these sights avoid those who do not want to be around liquor consumption? How safe for dogs? Prioritizing liquor use over use of park.
- No
- Liquor should not be allowed at picnic sites in parks.
- Nope. Allow it.
- Public consumption should be allowed everywhere as long as intoxication doesn't become a problem
- no
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- None.
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- In order to mitigate potential drinking and driving, extra fees for site bookings could be allocated towards enforcement ensuring that there is a designated driver.
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- I think it's a great idea & it should expand to the whole city. Look at cities in Europe that allow public drinking & compare if their crime rate or alcohol consumption are out of hand.
- Binge drinking culture in this country will not improve until consumption of alcohol is no longer only portrayed to young people in media as binge drinking. Young people in parks and restaurants around alcohol promotes positive drinking culture.
- Calgary and Canada needs to modernize the views on liquor consumption. Europe has been doing this for years with minimal challenges.
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- main one is drinking and driving
- I don't want it- drink at home.
- No
- No

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- There should be adequate disposal/recycle bins.
- Maybe only have a select number of parks that allow liquor in all sites. Like an off leash dog park. Then they can be monitored closely.
- No glass. Clean up after yourselves. Don't act like idiots and swear around kids
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- Overdrinking and driving
- The abuse, which we must be prepared for, will ruin the parks for the majority.
- If they are not constantly monitored, they could spoil the current healthy and enjoyable experience of using our parks for most citizens who do not go to the parks to drink.
- Don't let the action of a few bad people dictate how everyone else should live. We always clean up and leave picnic spots as they're found and keep alcohol away from children's eyes. Imposing a tax for one more silly thing like this is ridiculous
- Seriously this is a non issue for a supposedly free and democratic society. Enough with the constant monitoring like a communist regime
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- No
- People tend to spend more time at a picnic area. This is taking in a leisurely day at a park. Allowing alcohol will not be a little bit but extended drinking time thus leading to disorderly behavior. Keep drinking at home and in bars.
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- No.
- A lot, at a minimum this will cause to increase vandalism and drunk driving; there is no social benefit from this
- Yes. Parks are for families including kids. Pubs for liquor.
- Stop it
- I think if we allow this people might not follow the rules in the parks. And families with kids might not enjoy or be comfortable knowing that people are drunk in the parks.
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- I doubt it's not already occurring (as well as cannabis consumption) and I think it would benefit residents to decriminalize responsible behaviour provided irresponsible behaviour remains prohibited whether sober or substance related.
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- I feel unsafe bringing my children to public parks if alcohol is permitted. This is a family space.

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- no.
- None
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- There's one in every crowd that will take it too far. Who will be monitoring consumption. Once you legalize it, you can't go back. While I believe most of the population would handle it liquor consumption responsibly, there will be some who don't.
- Yes - we just legalized marijuana and now we are allowing alcohol consumption in public. Where do we draw the line because I feel like we are going to suffer the consequences of these actions by destroying the future of our youth.
- Do it
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- Alcohol should not be allowed around families and kids
- yes
- The only concerns I have is because of the polices increased powers to ask for a breathalyzer whenever they want. Having some wine during a family gathering and being stopped for no reason would seem unfair.
- Yes it will cause problems
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- Keep the booze out of the parks! If someone wants/needs a drink, there is plenty of establishments where they can go!
- I think it's a great way to get a greater number of people using Calgary's amazing parks!!
- No
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- My only concern would be of people abusing the system and getting disorderly with others enjoying the park.
- It can't be enforced. There has not been any request from the public. Seems like more of a whim from city council. City has more important issues to deal with.
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- No.
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- Ask MADD if they approve...how many people have to suffer in one way or another do to people simply feeling indulgent.
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- No
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- Yes it is against public well being
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- This is a public space where families and young children retreat to, and alcohol should never be allowed to be at the premises. Allowing this will open a can full of worms.
- As above.
- I don't think it should be around children, and those who have a history of alcohol abuse
- Keep the city clean and safe...we have kids and families
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- Behavior
- People being excessively loud and aggressive due to alcohol consumption, picking fights, throwing up, leaving empty bottles/cans behind, not being respectful towards others in the park, drinking & driving, exposing children to bad behavior, damage to park
- Any parks/areas that would allow alcohol consumption would need city enforcement checking in/doing rounds to ensure no abuse or breaking of regulations (i.e. drinking only, with no food present). Would also set hours for alcohol consumption-i.e. 9am-10pm
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- No concerns, I believe people will be able to conduct themselves responsibly.
- This is a very bad idea, it will only encourage unruly behaviour and families wouldn't want to be out with kids in such environment, there are places where people can drink, why families need to be part of that choice
- Inappropriate and unnecessary. There is no active supervision or monitoring. It will be problematic. I have never seen a police officer in a park, so have no expectation there would be anyone preventing issues or even available to respond.
- The idea to legally allow this is positive because it is already happening in public areas of the city, the law should embrace it with proper education. As long as it is not getting abused it will increase the use of public parks and build community.
- yes, it will get out of control, and now just look at the new driving rules we have around liquor laws, we cant keep up with what we have and bylaw is almost nowhere to be found now. we can enjoy the parks without booze... REALLY !!!
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- No to liquor. No to pot.

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- Not acceptable
- It'll take time to get all Canadians educated on what is responsible drinking in public, inc'ud What is and not exceptable. The key is educated on the new rules are and understanding it'll take time for all to get use to, similar to smoking law changes
- My children will be frighten and i dont want drunk people Doing stupid things to my kids
- I don't think a large portion of the public can be trusted to drink responsibly and think this would cause more problems than benefits
- I feel consumption of liquor at park will disorder, chaos, risk, fear of walking alone in the park etc will increase in the city.
- I think this is a horrible idea. Who would police this? By law officers and police officers are too busy already.
- No
- No extra fees, that's just an excuse to get extra \$\$ from the public.
- General public & children safety in public park is the most concern to me.
- No
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- My concern would be over consumption and potential risks associated with that but not major.
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- None
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- Yes
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- If people want to drink in public, they should go to a bar. I enjoy alcohol free parks
- Too many things can go wrong. We have enough drunks around the city already.
- Are liquor licenses going to be issued for anyone wanting to have liquor present at a public park? What will the requirements be? Who will be checking for underage drinking and driving? There are way too many unknown variables and should not be allowed.
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- It's not a good idea, you will have people that will respect others, then you will have people acting like idiots, taking advantage of the situation.
- Making sure people are being respectful to the surrounding environment and not littering.
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- Bad idea!
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- It is a big risk. Why encourage this, when the negatives far outweigh any of the "feel good" positives. Not what my tax dollars should go towards, not at all. We can't afford to have to patrol this or clean up after it. Stupid idea, asking for trouble
- No.
- No
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- I believe this is rid of the sneaking around and getting drunk but rather bring the people who are responsible out more and enjoy themselves. When something becomes the norm, the people who have distrusted in the past seem to fade away
- Open it up, and don't try to tax it or gather some silly fee.
- This will affect negatively on the children and family . Liquor should be allowed only in bars and pubs but not in public places. Parks and picnic areas are meant to be for family gatherings and this will have negative impact on people at park & society
- This is a bad idea. It will be very hard to enforce.
- No concerns - allowing liquor does not equate to allowing everyone to be drunk and disorderly. There should be rules about safe drinking container (eliminate risk of broken glass), and ensure there are adequate recycling bins
- Not really, other than ensuring the police bike patrols are well funded to kind of monitor the downtown parks where there are more transients and drug users. Prince's Island can be pretty sketchy at the best of times.
- No liquor at park
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- This will be a biggest nuisance.
- Liquor at any area of parks is not safe for our kids
- Why would the city want to spoil public parks for families, unbelievable...
- This will be a huge mistake if liquor would be allowed at any park or picnic site, I have already checked the concern in question 2
- Please consult provincial and national parks for their assessment of the affects of liquor use in a designated green space.
- Unruly individuals may ruin this gesture for those that are able to manage their consumption and behaviour.
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- Please don't
- Just how to ensure safety of everyone
- It's something that reasonable government should allow.
- Making this legal will create more harm then good and eliminate law enforcement's ability to respond irresponsible behaviour, as well as endorsing public consumption of intoxicants.

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- No
- Major safety concerns and will need increased police enforcement
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- It should not be allowed. It will create multi-facials social problems and create more load on the cops.
- This is a bad move and cannabis is the next step
- I believe it should be sold by the city at the park. This would ensure that there isn't over use, not allowing people to bring their own.
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- Yes it will make underage alcohol consumption more widespread
- I would limit the hours to be late morning and not end too late. I'd also limit it to a defined period e.g. May holiday weekend to Labour day weekend. I'd have an app that would allow easy bookings but also easy reporting of poor bahavoir from other table
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- Liquor consumption should not be allowed at public places, especially when there are families and kids around.
- No
- Proper signage, and lots of receptacles for empties, no glass bottles
- Trash being left behind
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- I don't think it a good idea to have liquor consumption in the parks as you can't control how many drinks people actually have and your just promoting drink and driving.
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- Drink your booze at home stay there and do not drive
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- No
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- No
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- We strongly encourage you to move forward with this initiative.Of course it will have a few hiccups just as there are people who are rude and messy when they eat food and/or bbq in public.
- Only concern is that prople have to clean up after themselves, and have a central drop off in the park for the bottles and cans.
- Not really bars and drinking at home and then going to a bar is the same really except it can more closely policed
- Safety of our kids and increase harassment increases
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- It's a sad day that this is even being proposed. What happened to taking care of our children for the future.
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- Yes , it's big concern for safety
- Just to be responsible
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- I have grave concerns of everything that I checked in question#2.
- Keep liquor out of our parks!
- We are absolutely against that! If people start drinking alcohol ligally in the park, we don't go to park anymore because we don't feel safe and comfortable at all! City can built a specific park for those people who want to drink with police observation!
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- See the answers for question 2.
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- No. Adults can be responsible and accountable. Allowing liquor consumption in designated areas will enhance the social experience of Calgary.
- I suspect that a lot of folks have discreetly had a glass of wine or a can of beer while having a picnic. I am all for lax enforcement but not for legalization.
- Please do not allow it as a resident of Calgary I do not want there to be drunken people at our parks.
- Yes I am worried about drunk driving
- In my opinion, i would restrict to only less than 7% alcohol beverages. And i would allow only local drinks to help our community.
- It will cause violent behaviour Drinking and driving urinating around the park bad language it will disturb other families who is trying to enjoy their summer at the parks
- Not a good idea for obvious reasons.
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- MANY CONCERNS!!! Exposure of kids to drinking (near playgrounds, sporting events, family events, etc), disorderly conduct and conflict between user groups, discarded cans and bottles (dangerous waste), increased noise, lack of response from bylaw officers
- Only some designated area no comments
- It will cause violent behaviour bad language safety drink and driving and urinating around the park
- I dont agree with liquor consumption at public sites outside of restaurant patios whatsoever.
- Very bad idea
- My concern would be availability of enforcement. This law is only good if able to be regulated.

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- I think it would be a great step forward in terms of freedoms Canadians could enjoy and of course the majority would be responsible so I see no downside. Irresponsible activities conducted in parks happen regardless of the laws.
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- I would not want parties to get carried away because of alcohol. Often a few ruin it for the rest of us who are responsible.
- You haven't addressed increased need for security and maintenance.
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- Mostly just people taking advantage of the ability to do so and ruining the park experience for others, especially families.
- No
- I have no concerns. This has been happening in Europe for ages! We are much too strict here, which only leads to the creation of binge drinking.
- Do not allow
- It should not be allowed in parks.
- Nope allow it
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- A lot of concerns. Kids do not know what is a designated spot. They just run around.
- Leave our parks as is, as it has been for the past 63 years. If you want to have some family and friends over for drinks, use your own backyard. Allow the alcohol and then it will be drugs.
- I love liquor especially in public. Maybe the city could make money by selling beer at the park.
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- Major issue is drinking & driving can't be avoided.
- More drink and drive start and more emergency services engage
- only that people may go over board on the liquor to many drinks and may leave a mess for others to clean up
- If marijuana is legalized I'm pretty sure those of the public 18 and over should be able to consume alcohol in a public area as well.
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- Adequate recycling. Possible glass hazards.
- No
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- Personally think it is a good idea. Something we would have liked to enjoy on occasion.
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- Thanks for bringing such subject up.
- Please allow this to happen.

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- No concerns at all.
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- Please don't make public place a drinking spot. It should be a private matter whether one wants to drink or not.
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- No. I'm from Europe: public consumption of alcohol is seen more relaxed. I believe Calgary's initiative shows that citizens can be trusted with responsible behavior
- Yes I have a great and humanitarian concern. Such a thing will create harm to people and especially to children, women and seniors. Plus drunk people would cause violence and disruption and chaotic scenes by consuming alcohol. So I would stop going to
- But even though liquor will be allowed on designated sites but the intoxicated people will be around then.
- Not good for kids. Surroundings will not remain friendly anymore.
- It's about time.
- The fact that alcohol consumption is prohibited in public space is crazy. Continue to enforce DUI and DWI charges and disorderly but if you aren't doing anything wrong what's the difference if I walk the street with a pop or a beer?
- Unsafe to consume
- If you think people aren't doing this already you're being fools. Just make it legal. The people that will abuse it, always will and always have. The rest of us would like to be able to partake without consequences.
- I believe that denying people the freedom to consume liquor responsibly in a picnic area does nothing to educate or reform others who are inclined to antisocial behaviour. I think the existing law is fundamentally misguided and does more harm than good.
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- See above.
- Yes it will increase drinking and driving on roads which leads to fatal accidents to the residents of Calgary and lots of problems for the city and law enforcement
- Should not be allowed any amount
- I am disagree with using alcohol in public area
- Leave the parks alone. There are lots of places to have "a drink".
- Ensuring that there is recycling in addition to garbage.
- Once again, I have grandchildren. If I go to a park with them I want to enjoy my time there. I don't want to have to listen to people getting drunk or speaking loud because they are under the influence of alcohol.

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- Finally!
- City liability and tax burden on calgarian's.
- I think this is a fabulous idea!
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- The rest of the world doesn't seem to have a problem with this, it's time to allow responsible adults to enjoy adult activities.
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- The over regulation of alcohol needs to be reigned in. It s okay to have limits, rules, and enforcement, but we shouldn't forbid reasonable people the opportunity to enjoy a drink on the park.(Or anywhere in public) because of antiquated ideologies.
- It shouldn't be just to picnic table sites. In Europe you can drink anywhere in a park. Should be the same here.
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- No
- No
- We do not need booze in parks. Period.
- It's not good for kids
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- No concerns
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- Only concern around kids.
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- none
- My only issue is not having recycling in very close proximity of the picnic sites to ensure waste is not left behind. I think there should also be a phone number of glass breaks to have it properly cleaned up.
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- None
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- I think by allowing drinking to be more public it will create less of stigma around it. It doesn't encourage kids to drink but exposes them to how it can be used responsibly.
- Children and family the first concern, increased drinking and driving Perhaps designated adult parks but talk to MADD think long and hard what does this look like like down the road and if drinking then pot is also prsent please say no
- Not like th idea

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- Not really
- This should not be allowed at all it's a public space kids will be exposed to alcohol and some parents don't want that
- No
- This is not a reflection of the society I want my children to be raised in.
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- I am glad this is finally being examined. The Canadian liquor laws are ridiculously strict.
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- No
- None noted
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- Strongly believe that liquor should not be allowed in parks and picnic sites. I am worried about bad influence on children and exposing children to alcohol in an environment where they are supposed to play and have fun.
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- It is already proven to be safe and a great way to increase enjoyment of public areas in many 1st world countries globally.
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- There should not be any sites
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- Same as above. I'd hate to have my family and young children exposed to that.
- No
- No
- Yes I have big concerns regarding this issues. How ever did open this topic ,he or she are woking to strip the morality from our city and only alcoholic company get that benefit by selling more alcohol and more addictions on alcohol
- People dont seem to have regular common courtesy and respect for others in public place, liquor would most likely make behaviour worse.
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- Why? What good can come of it?

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- How do you control teenagers drinking in public? How do control the amount of alcohol consumed?
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- People have the ability to relax and enjoy. It's time we stop treating the 97% if good people like the 3% of the worst
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- We don't want to allow any one to consume LIquor at any public place or pard. Liquor consumption create mental disorders negative affect to the kids and society, that is the reason God doesn't allow this in any shape or means.
- Please do not pilot this project. More drinking and driving
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- No. If legalized I believe people will act in an orderly non-disruptive way
- No
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- There's a possibility of people being disorderly, but there are also a lot of people that already drink at picnic sites. If they were designated, you might be able to enforce liquor laws better.
- No.
- I think they are not safe
- Open it to full parks, and not having to book a site. It is done in Europe, if belligerent give a fine
- totally against this as it can lead to inappropriate acts and possible violence in a public places with women and children
- I am absolutely against this. Parks are healthy fun places for children and families, not for them to be exposed to liquor, drunk people and possible safety and harassment issues.
- Enforcing good behaviour is a must
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- Kids drinking
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- Use of liquor should be regulated carefully as it may have an influence on surrounding communities and people and can possibly make them uncomfortable
- Yes, it is not good to be allowed.
- I do not think this is a good idea for those that would abuse it. Parks are also considered a public space. If you want liquor, have your BBQ at home.
- No
- Drunk people are not safe for families and children
- Should not be allowed
- Not really, I am for this.

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- Yes. Consumption of liquor should not be allowed in public picnic sites, to maintain to innocence of children
- None
- I mean who thought about this kind of stupid idea ? They don't care about our children's or what
- Great idea.
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- I would highly not recommend this. Although there are responsible adults, there are also irresponsible ones who will cause a scene while intoxicated along with damage to publi and private property
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- We shouldn't allow liquor on parks or picnic sites.
- Absolutely against this 100%.
- This would be a welcomed freedom and step forward. Please pursue this as an option in our parks.
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- I think it is a great idea. People are typically responsible. But it should be allowed anywhere in the park.
- Not really.
- I have young kids so I think that the objections around proprietary are rediculous. People drinking still have to behave in a responsible manner, now instead of policing all people drinking, you can just police people who are being disorderly.
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- No
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- I think it's a great idea. Lots of people smuggle liquor into sites anyway, this would cut down on having to enforce an antiquated rule.
- According to Child Welfare in Alberta people should not be consuming liquor around their children. They can actually seize your children if you are intoxicate. I guess not many people would know this.
- No concerns. Proper recycling bins being placed if they aren't already would be advisable. Though prompt pickup required since those can get snatched. Better yet maybe all recyclables from this get donated to a cause!

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- I believe this should be the first step into allowing people to drink a beer at soft ball ect. Just because you are allowed to have alcol does not change the public intoxication laws or drinking and driving. As adaults we have to be resposible and plan.
- I think this is a bad idea. People do not need to bring alcohol to a park. My kids go to parks to play, families go to BBQ, they don't need drunk people having parties around them and turning parks into dangerous situationsThis also increases drunkdrivers
- You can't smoke cigarettes in a public space, you can't smoke cannabis in a public place so I don't think you should ever be able to drink alcohol in a public place considering it's the one that actually alters your personality while on it
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- It's not the people who look for approval that are the concern, it's the ones who are doing things anyway that you find trouble
- No concerns. I think it is a good idea.
- Perhaps litter.
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- My biggest concern would be that people would become beligerant, and may cause damage to the park itself. However, this same damage can happen when sober.
- It is unnecessary.
- liquor should not be allowed at any park sites as it will increase crime rate in those places
- RECYCLE BINS THAT ARE LOCKED... I dont think I need to explain the importance of that.
- How will this be enforced more stringently than now so there are meaningful consequences if you are drunk and distructive.
- As a mom of 2 children, I'm concerned in the behaviour and safety of people that would be under the influence while we are enjoying the park space. Highly concerned about an increase in drivers while under the influence under their park visit.
- I'm fine with it, and having lived in Europe where drinking everywhere is legal yet people are very rarely publically intoxicated, I don't foresee many issues
- Parks should be a place un where families and children enjoy the family time and a safa place to explore not for drinking.
- It must not allow
- There is a good chance it will be abused. Open liquor laws will be greyed in public parks allowing homeless a legal spot to consume open liquor. Also, some groups, particularly young adults, will over consume and negatively impact enjoyment for others.
- No.
- Parks are places for children to run around and enjoy nature. Drinking has its own types of places like bars

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- Alcohol in parks is not an alignment with a society that sets a good example for children
- Underage drinking
- Yes. We are inviting troubles by allowing alcohol in park
- If this gets voted yes, let's patrol with police at busy times everyday and RBT every car that is leaving. We already have too many drunk and drugged drivers on the roads.
- I think this is silly. What is our world coming to that we need to have alcohol at designated sites? Please don't consider it any further.
- no
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- In moderation, it's a great idea! I just hope people dont ruin it for us
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- No
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- Already stated
- A terrible idea.
- my concerns are those of where are the extra staffing of police/peace officers coming from, has this been factored into the budget? the clearer up team? Glass in parks.
- Yes, I do have concerns that people will miss use the opportunity, however people do that regardless of whether it's legal or not.
- I don't think is a good idea, licor has caused a lot of problems and deaths already.
- Safety of citizens are at risk by allowing liquor consumption at parks
- Not at all
- You should be allowed to have a drink or two and enjoy the sun.
- I wish you ban it
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- Alcohol is a pervasive and legal drug, that has ruined many lives. There are plenty of places Calgarians can drink, please leave our public spaces alone
- This is probably the only place in the modern normal world that shuns alcohol like Canada
- All mentioned above
- People will be drinking by picnic tables without booking it or sit close by with liquor, no one will be there to see that bylaw is being followed. There are tons of laws which are not enforced and this will be one more.
- Whether homeless disorderly conduct would increase
- I think it would need patrolling. I also think pot should be allowed. The odour is not a valid argument because people smoke cigarettes and vape in the parks which is also an offensive odour to many.
- No

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- Those noted in Q2 above.
- I think it's great! If people are going to be allowed to smoke cigarettes and pot in public, designated drinking spots should be allowed as well.
- There may need to be increased security / ability for security to respond in case concerns with behaviour ever arise
- My concern is for those who can't handle their alcohol.
- Already covered in the questionnaire
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- Hopefully this step will demonstrate that public drinking is not a major problem, and should be legalized. We have rules against public intoxication, and those can be enforced without open liquor laws being necessary.
- Please our parks etc good for kids. I don't want my kids to expose to driking people
- I have been to parks that allow alcohol... loud music usually accompanies it and then everyone yells above it. After there was wuite the mess
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- Once again you are serving a specific interest group. Immigrants, many of whom are non drinkers and do not speak english but do take their children to the park cannot participate. Your survey is biased.
- No
- Don't make red tape to it
- Pass this message to political parties, governors and municipalities: we already know that the liquor industry is subsidizing their political campaigns to push for the legalization of alcohol in parks, which are supposed to be mostly the hangout place for
- The government should get out of puritanical morals-based rules.
- No, be orderly respect others and fine outrageous behaviour
- So now you want to be in the business of renting out party venues in the parks. This is a greedy destructive council. Calgary has become a slum town.
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- Not safe
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- Yes
- Should not be allowed. If it is, then only in certain areas and certain parks (ie not all).
- No concerns. It's the same about smoking. People are considerate nowaday and learned to respect when nobody else around them doesnt smoke.
- Our Canadian culture is prepared for this. There is too much drinking & driving already.

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- No
- This is ridiculous. I'm sure a majority of picnic sites are used by families or people that don't agree with having liquor allowed. Yes, I'm sure that there would be respectful "drinkers" but don't be naive to think this won't be a train wreck
- No
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- No liquor in park
- Not at this time.
- Yes. The individuals that want to drink at a picnic site are also the individuals that do not have proper alcohol habits. This will focus impaired behaviours around families and neighbourhoods. This is not a healthy trend for the city.
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- Should not be allowed in areas which can be access by children under 18
- I don't even understand why this is a question of debate, there are so many, so many downsides to liquor consumption in general. I guess people just don't look at the past and learn from there mistakes (drunk driving).
- It's something that's normal in most parts of the world and would be a very positive step to getting more use of our public spaces.
- No guarantee people will follow the rules i.e. at picnic tables, with food, etc.; potential for people getting drunk & ruining picnics for others in area; too hard to monitor, potential for damage to areas, extra refuse to clean up, etc.
- This should have been in place years ago. It should be expanded as well - look at Stephens ave or Kensington or 17th.
- You know people will take advantage of it and the trouble will spill over to everybody else just trying to have a nice picnic with there family. With the new drinking and driving laws in lpace tell me how this can even be a concept.
- Drinking should not be allowed at any place.
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- No.
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- Go for it!
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- Location, and already busy parks being busier
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- No

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- I am concerned about the consequences and problems that would go along with allowing liquor consumption at designated picnic sites and strongly oppose this idea.
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- Yes
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- Maybe broken glass but we could easily fix that by only allowing cans and make sure we do have proper recycling bins around
- No
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- I think the consumption of liquor in designated picnic sites would be a great idea.
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- No
- If the city does not Enforce the rules to eatin with drinking, then the public won't abide by the rules.Increased risk of drinking and driving, increase risk of drinking andsmoking Cannabis inpublic. Increase normalize drinking, smoking anything for kids
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- This just opens up concerns in areas where families can go to enjoy surroundings and company. Why create a place where family gatherings have the possibility of being tainted by out of control drinkers.
- No
- I disagree.
- Nope
- Weed consumption as well.
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- It would actually reduce business for bars that are made for that purpose
- I really have no concerns. The rest of the civilized world allows liquor consumption in public; Canada should allow it as well
- I am concerned that Liquor consumption would cause disorder as people can drink as much as they wish but when they loose control over themselves there is no knowing what they will do.
- yes....a lot....
- If it is allowed, they should be monitered at all hours. I am concerned for the safety of children most of all, but this poses a risk to everyone.
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- I believe that allowing consumption of liquor in designated sites should not be allowed.
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- Alcohol abuse - but that happens anyway - it is not something that can be controlled
- Do it! Nothing more enjoyable then throwing the ball around with a beer in hand!
- See above #2
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- I do not want families and children exposed to drug use. Alcohol, while socially acceptable, is still a drug. People should be allowed to drink but not in public.
- Safety and disorderly behaviour
- No
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- Parks for public recreation where people of all types, young or old suppose to have fun. Alcohol should stay in the designated places such as clubs. Not everyone should be forced to be in that environment
- Yes. There is always going to be that irresponsible minority that will consume alcohol excessively resulting in potential increase in disorderly behavior and potential damage to parks. Effective and quick enforcement of the rules will be required.
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- yah, BAD IDEA
- My vote to big no no.
- Liquor should not be allowed as it would require policing to keep the environment safe for kids
- Freedom, with responsibility
- Children are exposed to several types of drug use in parks already. People drink booze in parks already. Time to make it allowed instead of just tolerated.
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- i agree with it but who will regulate it
- No
- Seeking public consensus on this issue is great!
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- Liquor in parks will increase safety concerns for all visitors including those who will be drinking in parks. It will be hard to limit and will be more burden on our sources like law & order. Only few months of summer we want to spend time with family saf
- It's not a good idea at all. To be drunk will increase Crime , harassment and harmful things (mentally and physically)for families and kids .
- Yes, it should not allow in picnic or public places.Families and kids go for relax and enjoy. There might be more chances of fighting or arguments

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- I am happy to see Calgary being progressive. This is a young city that is getting better and better and I believe this will really get people out using our parks.
- I do not drink anymore but I would have before- would need police around more to patrol
- All possible concern. Damaging to society in every aspect. This is nothing less than allowing addicts to smoke weed in public places.
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- Stop the paternalistic over reach. Clearly unnessecary. Why impinge on the lifes of those who's taxes you so skillfully extract. What is the linking disaster if adults want to have a glass of wine in a park on a sunny day?
- It's already done anyway. Sneaky liquor consumption can lead to over drinking and disruptive behaviour.
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- No
- No
- Yes. Lot of concerns.
- The consumption of liquor at designated parks would be like an invitation to drink anywhere. And the people who indulge could leave massive messes, and/or cause damage to the surrounding environment.
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- No concerns. One comment, this should've been done a long time ago. Also, events such as the stampede should be fully licensed. No more beer gardens, license the entire grounds and hand out bracelets to those of drinking age (see any event in the U.S.).
- The only issues I could see are people littering more often. But from experience living overseas, lessening rules on public liquor consuming does not lead to many issues.
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- Yes. There are some folks who will drink too much and spoil the park experience for others. It will increase policing cost to try and control this unwanted behaviour.
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- Would need appropriate recycle and convenient disposal bins
- Should not be allowed, it's supposed to be a family friendly park and recreation centre, not a bar.
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- Bad idea, don't do it.
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- I think this is an excellent idea. Allowing residents to have a few drinks at public parks will allow for more social interactions
- No people should be given the choice to drink and be responsible.
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- I strongly disagree to allow consumption of liquor at public places.
- Concerns with undesirables hanging around
- No
- Bad influence for children, due to multiculturalism it is not a common practice for all families
- We don't want it. Liquor is not good for public places.
- It is unsafe and should not be allowed
- Hurry up already. This law makes us look terrible to people visiting our city.
- Before changing the law, more should be done to dissuade consumption in parks... particularly in the summer along the elbow river. It's disgusting and people urinate and defecate everywhere.... not to mention the noise and vandalism. Start there.
- Europe allows public consumption of liquor and there is no noticeable increase of disorderly conduct.
- I think that the families that were using them will decline as they don't want their families around drunk people and drivers.
- Might be able to make additional revenue if there was a convenient locked empties receptacle to collect refund "donations"
- no please
- ☹️☹️☹️☹️☹️
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- Should not be allowed.
- No.
- Yes, as indicated above I have concerns around cleanliness. People leave picnic sites dirty as is, this would only get worse. Maybe consider a fee alongside requiring site registration with credit card
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- Yes I have concerns because parks should be a place suitable for all age group esp children . Whoever wants to have liquor, they can do it at home or bar.
- Yes
- Strongly opposed.
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- Great idea!
- I believe transition into legally drinking in public spaces will reduce and remove the negative contractions of liquor consumption. In Europe people can drink freely so there is less of a stigma in adults and youth.

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- If we allow drinking in parks, I believe there will be more drinking and driving, and disorderly conduct, all around kids and families who go to the park to enjoy family friendly fun. There are plenty of other places that people can consume liquor in.
- Yes, i have cocerns regarding consuming liquir in parks.
- Main concern is disorderly conduct and further exposure of non-responsible drinking to children
- parks are for kids and families, this will allow more party goers to rampage through the parks
- There should be recycling bins that are easy to find at the site to recycle the containers. I don't see why damage to the park would be a concern other than more people enjoying the park as long as it is easy to tidy.
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- Alcohol is a drug all be it a legal one but it could lead to a free for all for other drug use. Also it could allow kids more freedom and access to all those things. Safety would be my number one concern
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- For few extra bucks of collection city is endangering safety of its residents.
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- As long as it is done responsibility, it should be great
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- No
- Garbage. Overuse. Full containers left that children may consume.
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- Please don't allow
- Too many other, discrete options (i.e. community centre with liquor license).
- I'm surprised this hasn't happened already. About time.
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- It works well in Europe. Try to emulate the Englisher Park in Munich, Germany
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- Enforcement of regulations, both that people are using sites appropriately (no liquor in non liquor sites) and disorderly conduct

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- -strict guidelines/fines/enforcement for misuse; increased mess in parks; more work for the police and bylaw; will there be hours of regulations like bars or is it available 24 hours?
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- Once you open this door then the cannabis users will want to smell up and foul our air space. Not a good idea!
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- Drjnkng in parks in other countries has not been documented as causing increased problems such as the dangers listed above.
- I think it's completely a bad idea to even be considering this. We will see a increase in drunk driving and disorderly conduct in parks.
- No.
- I think we should be doing this!
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- Nothing wrong with it, must be done responsibly and without bothering others. Police should enforce the safety of the park
- My point of view about picnic is family get together and relax. But while you under influence you are not within you. You can't be relax and share your thought with your family.
- It's a very bad idea. Picnic areas are for everyone to come, enjoy the nature and be respected. Liquor will cause many issues so why even entertain this
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- people should be allowed to have a drink if they want to. there is no need to have it with food.
- Liquor should NOT be allowed. Parks should be safe for everyone.
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- No
- It should not be allowed. There will be more issues
- Having lived in Australia and seeing how they manage public consumption of alcohol in public parks shows how well it can work and how it can make a fun picnic scene in a city.
- Already mentioned on question #2
- Don't allow
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- Slippery slope to marijuana usage allowed.
- How are you going to enforce the rules. Are you going to have liquor enforcement officers in every park? Who is going to pay for all the enforcement officers? Taxpayers?
- Might as well allow asking everywhere too
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- Liquor should be consumed in people's home
- Safety of myself and others
- It's important to look at how initiatives are handled in other countries. For example many European countries allow drinking in public areas and have less issues with alcohol misuse.
- Concerns about people being drunk and disorderly; property damage. Concern about rule enforcement-who will enforce the rules?
- There are many other concerns the government should worry about instead of allowing liquor freedom in parks.
- No
- It's a bad idea and should be avoided at any cost.
- I would hate to see this initiative spur a crackdown on the city's homeless population if there is a general increase in enforcement. Those who are homeless are just as much citizens of our city and should be equally respected.
- damage to park environment, disturbance
- No concerns. Let bylaw and law enforcement concentrate on more important issues.
- No I think this is a great idea to explore.
- Calgarians, Canadians are reasonable people. We will make this work mostly by self policing and creating social norms to govern the process
- It happens anyways. Might as well make it legal so it can be monitored vs illegal and not monitored.
- I understand this has to work with aglc legislation. My preference would be that regardless of a booking or not that you could consume a beverage in a park
- Dooooo it.
- No, I think It would be a great idea
- A public beer gardens could be a great option for larger parks. Could open up the possibility of purchasing food, dessert etc
- It's already there might as well make it legal.
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- Please don't allow it
- Who came up with this?
- No
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- No
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- Yes. Currently public areas are designed to allow ALL people to enjoy their use. We are working to be an inclusive society. This idea would go completely against inclusion and instead impose the impact of the choices of some on the the lives of everyone.

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- I would worry about some people taking it too far and possibly creating some riff raff. That said, the areas will still be patrolled as normal, so anyone creating chaos could likely be penalized/ticketed accordingly.
- No liquor please
- No
- No. Any trouble makers would be drinking whether it's allowed or not.
- Homeless people gathering in those areas
- No.
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- I only hope that people could be responsible with this idea but believe that those who wouldn't be are already consuming alcohol where they chose anyways.
- This is ridiculous! Way for the city to make money I guess, unreal!
- Yes, not safe people and the park
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- Nope!
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- Yes, safety concerns.
- Think it is a great idea!! Hope this moves forward
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- Nipe
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- Can you control all alcohol users in parks?
- I believe as long as there is some patrol at these sites things should go well.
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- No
- Needs more check by security & police to control any disorderly behaviours.
- I think it's a great idea and support the pilot
- Not at all. Europe is doing fine and their children are not alcoholics because they see their parents drink alcohol in public.
- Sure I doesn't make any sense to drink alcohol at the parks
- No
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- I believe, liquor should not be allowed at any of the sites, as it will have many negative impact on our society.
- I think this is a great idea that will bring Calgary's liquor consumption rules in parks in line with other Canadian cities.
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- It shouldn't be allowed
- I hope that people would treat it as a privilege and drink responsibly so they don't ruin it for the rest of us
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- It should not be allowed in any picnic area.
- More recycling bins please
- No, there are alot of places around the world that allow this and don't have any issues.
- I think this is a great pilot project that has a lot of potential for the user to get more out of their city parks in a more accepting atmosphere
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- I just hope there is garbage bins and recycling bins close by so people don't leave the area messy..but that could happen with or without alcohol being allowed.
- Proper recycling and garbage disposal. If people get too drunk they could get roust and damage the park in some way.
- It's better to close all the liquor stores, alcohol should be legally ban in Canada
- Drining alcohol changes people behaviour. Perhaps a vendor Could apply for a license in a park and sell liquor in a controlled setting as happens at a folk festival on Princes Island. This way they are responsible for crowd control and garbage collection.
- The safety is the main concern. I do not want my kids to see people drinking in public. The behavior of the drunk people is sometimes unexpectable which will make the park unsafe place for my family.
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- No not at all. In fact it should be allow everywhere in parks not just in picnic sites.
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- I believe this is a waste of the City's time and effort. We have many other issues that require attention. Roads, Park maintenance, traffic, and many more. No benefit - only cost to this idea. People can drink all they want at home or licensed facilities.
- Safety of those consuming alcohol
- Will make our beautiful city parks more enjoyable
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- Yes.. I have concern .. one thing which should be carried openly in public why let showcase in parks
- yes, absolutely.

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- There will always be those that will ruin it for others, but it would be nice to have a drink on occasion.
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- Our liquor laws are sorely out of date and are not held by 99% of the world who are so far past this debate it is borderline embarrassing.
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- It would need to be managed appropriately and proper recycling facilities would need to be available. Maybe also limit hard liquor?
- Or should be tried out. The assumption had been that it would create havoc. Let's at least find out if that's true or not.
- I think it's a nice idea. It will give the city a more European feel and I actually think people picnic more.
- Can be done responsibly as seen in Montreal. Would ask the City to consider all parks in general if the picnic pilot is successful.
- I don't like the idea of irresponsible people over consuming, but I assume the vast majority will be a new benefit to people using parks.
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- A liberal approach to consuming liquor at designated picnic sites in parks will be great. I have enjoyed this privilege in Montreal, and would love for it to be modelled in a similar fashion.
- Potential for under age drinking but that can happen anywhere with fake IDs.
- No
- I feel like rental with Liquor should only be allowed to 25 and older.
- Have appropriate receptacles for empty liquor containers
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- I don't really care about liquor being consumed, but I very deeply worry that it being allowed will also allow cannabis to be consumed, which would be horrible. The smell and smoke should force it into the same category as cigarettes.
- People who will abuse the privilege already are, I think this would be good for communities
- bad influence for kids
- I just hope this is never allowed. Drinking and driving, the mess in the parks and my young children exposed to more young adults 'partying' is not my idea of a fun park to visit.
- Police need to monitor, as they already do. If weed is legal, alcohol consumption at certain sites should be also.
- I don't believe that we need to have liquor consumption in our parks. There are so many other places where people can drink. I think children should be able to enjoy time outside without dealing with the many problems that can occur with alcohol.
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- I think there are many places adults can go to have a drink. Public parks should be a place where everyone feels safe.
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- No concerns. I don't see the difference between consuming it at home or a friend's house and a public picnic area. You need to be a responsible adult in all situations. The gov. needs to allow it's people to be adults and make decisions for themselves.
- I think a more open attitude to liquor is a healthier one. Making it open would encourage people to have a better attitude towards it and therefore make better decisions.
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- must be prohibited
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- I think it's a terrible idea.
- Need appropriate recycling bins for liquor bottles
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- Some people chose to do it already but allowing more people to do it would likely create bigger problems; dangerous driving, drunken behaviours, excess garbage, etc.
- I think it is a good idea.
- Driving under influence and children exposure
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- Broken glass, however this could occur with non-alcoholic beverages.
- Bad idea. Bad idea. Bad idea
- Make the rules clear for not damaging parks and everything will work fine. We don't always have to restrict the 99% just because we are worried about the 1%.
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- We do not need mean, loud drunks in public parks!
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- N/a
- I think it would be a great option!
- This should not even be a consideration for debate.
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- I am deeply concerns as it makes children scared and there will be safety concerns too, it may increase violence at parks where family came to enjoy their family time rather they have fear to monitor their children all the time.
- I don't think this good idea at all
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- Its another dumbassed idea hy our dumbass city council
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- No. People already do this. If people want to drink then they will regardless of the rules
- Nope
- The space will not be cleaned up and glass will be broken making the space hazardous. Drinking and driving will also increase so the safety of my vehicle is in jeopardy.
- I'll avoid attending parks that liquor is allowed
- People can have picnic in their backyard and drink alcohol but not in public
- No
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- It shouldn't be allowed in the open areas such as parks. We don't want kids to see this and also it is dangerous as it might be out of control while you have many people from different races around
- No
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- Be sure to have lots of garbage and recycling bins to prevent litter.
- No
- Very dangerous for our kids to see this
- I see all kinds of potential problems. Increased costs of bylaw or police, increased chance of teens drinking, increased intoxication from irresponsible drinkers... who might then drive home. Increased broken glass and kids / pets being cut. NO to all!
- Don't destroy our wonderful culture in Calgary.
- It will cause people to be intoxicated and destroy public property, cause unnecessary issues especially with little kids playing around. There are enough places in the city that people can consume alcohol.
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- Not accepted at all
- I do not think it should be allowed, It is unacceptable to drink in public. I do not want to witness it or see any of the bad behavior that comes with alcohol. And why are we teaching children drinking in public is acceptable?
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- The use of things that alter consciousness will make the parks unsafe and as a parent I will be worried about my kids. The people will might smoke weed as well and this will affect the air quality that we all breath in the park
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- just general clean up of the picnic sites. recycling located closer to sites that have consumption.
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- No, allowing it will encourage parks to be used more.
- At parks/public places liquor consumption should not be allowed at any cost.
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- I feel it would not make it a fun place to be with the family.
- This is reflective of how few folks would like to do that for all Calgarians and they don't see the big picture
- Provide appropriate recycling receptacles. Otherwise people will litter or throw glass into regular garbage.
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- Just have to be more careful about the childrens because if they see people drinking openly like that , it might increase some curiosity in them to try alcohol. So if government can do some sorts of restrictions about that.
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- Should be allowed in an orderly fashion with clear signs and recycling receptacles. We should also indicated Like bike stations or common Uber/ cab zones during the summer.
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- How would we enforce the bylaw to avoid our transient populations from just sitting there drinking because it's an open area to do so
- If liquor is allowed to be consumed there needs to be additional monitors/police as well.
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- This is a stupid idea that you know will be immediately followed by the same request for cannabis even though that has been shot down.
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- Clear signage required

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- Yes. As mentioned above, all the parks should facilitate the same opportunities and limitations when possible. Allow liquor use for all parks/ don't create select 'drinking parks'. The result would encourage the potential for party hubs.
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- My concern would be if the site was booked under my name, would I be Liable if a guest at my site were to drink and drive etc.
- We don't need it.
- Please do not go through with public drinking. We know as a rule that people are not reasonable enough to comply to the rules. Rules are meant to be broken, and they will break them. Please do not allow alcohol in public places. Thank you for listening.
- This shouldn't be allowed in public areas.. just because this is allowed in other countries, it doesn't mean that we have to do it as well. This will increase the risk of harassment and other problems in public areas. It will not be safe for children.
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- Increase in disorderly behaviour is my main concern!
- No
- No.
- Trinity bellwoods in Toronto is an excellent example of a park where every enjoys drinks, anywhere and at all times. People are very responsible and an informal bottle collection opportunity has emerged for locals.
- This is only as good as the City's willingness to enforce the By-laws...Right now the City does little to enforce anything inside their Parks..they would actually have to do something
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- Homeless people already do it so why shouldn't everyone be able to
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- There should be greater fines for abuse of any new regulations allowing liquor in the park
- No
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- Should not be allowed.
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- City can not control the park and our children aren't safe at park
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- My only concern would be to make sure parks are well lit and have a good garbage/recycling and compost stations set up as I think this will make them busier and would love to see them kept clean.
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- Not close to kids play area, otherwise I don't have concerns.
- I wish we could trust people to drink responsibly but I don't think we can. I would hate to see a party atmosphere in parks if that means loud music, drunk people and aggressive behaviour.
- No!
- consumption of liquor at public places should not allow.
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- My reasons are stated above.
- I am completely against it
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- This is taking the safety and laws backwards.
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- No
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- It should be enjoyed responsibly. If it is not regulated or have security presence I feel some people may take advantage to getting drunk and causing problems (cause fights and destroy property)
- People will stop taking their kids to parks and the adults will start drinking and partying there all day.
- Checked it above
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- should be only allowed in bars restaurants etc. not parks
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- How to protect my kids around drunk people
- It's dangerous for the safety of children.
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- I believe this is a great idea.
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- No glass containers would be a good stipulation to prevent broken glass in public spaces. Other than that I have no concerns, it would be great for the city to become a leader in this area in Canada, we are very behind the times in this regard
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- Should not be allowed
- If we take away the stigma perhaps people will utilize parks and picnic sites more.
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- As per above, I don't want the city to allow consumption of liquor at our parks. Too many unnecessary risks in place.
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- Bad for health, enjoyment of the outdoors, cost of policing, etc. You must be desperate for votes!!
- Being aloud to drink in public places such as Bowness park where family's bring children don't need to have to worry about being exposed to drunks. Their Behaviour is very erratic at times. Keep it to the bars. Less for families to worry about.
- Please do not allow it.
- Liquor should not be allowed in public places at all. There is a reason we have this ban now, we should not change it.
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- Open it to marijuana consumption as well. Perhaps have designated sites to appease those who dont want to be around either. Whether or not people are consuming, there is no excuse for disorderly conduct in public.
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- There's many places for who wants to consumption of liquor like casino or bar. So we respect there own places that they enjoy their drink. Vs the same
- Yes we go to parks for picnic with kids
- My concern is if you allowed this type of consumption of liquor so ll be more criminal more fighting no more Safty
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- I fully support this.
- This is stupid idea!

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- Liquor and cannabis should be consumed or used on one's own property and not in public places where others have to deal with the problems that come with it. There are more risks than benefits. Who will police this? pay for this? The taxpayer, you & me
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- It is a bad idea.
- Liquor and cannabis should be consumed or used on one's own property and not in public places where others have to deal with the problems that come with it. There are more risks than benefits. Who will police this? pay for this? The taxpayer, you & me
- No concerns. There will always be a few that go overboard however with current laws in place I feel that this would be a mostly safe addition to the park user experience.
- Thank you for thinking forward
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- No.
- Liquor and cannabis should be consumed or used on one's own property and not in public places where others have to deal with the problems that come with it. There are more risks than benefits. Who will police this? pay for this? The taxpayer, you & me
- Worried about mess and groups not handling their liquor and noise and/or being belligerent.
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- no comment
- Maybe a curfew as I think it could get out of hand in some parks and at some times during the day.
- We're way overdue allowing this.
- Extremely poor idea of a public recreational location.
- Make sure there is a fine for leaving cans and garbage around but make sure to provide garbage and recycling bins at every site
- Same.. strong reservations against consumption of alcohol in parks even at designated places
- Liquor just increases disorderly behaviour and family fun. People should be able to take a break from regular distractions to come have a fun day at a park away from all these things. Don't ruin the beauty of nature! Thanks!
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- We don't want any use of liquor in the park at all.
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- Scrap idea and pilot!! "If it is not broke, don't fix it".It is fine now, why change.Next question:postal code to decide where project would be appropriate?I feel sorry for those in areas affected by those who say yes.(I do drink so not my reason for NO!
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- There would be children and it takes away from family fun atmosphere
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- Disorderly behavior, police do not have the resources to take on an additional potential problem. Litter and damage are concerns as well.
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- No
- Nope. Only the ones I checked above.
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- Honestly people are going to do it regardless, I don't think it should be a big deal if they do.
- Many other places in the world allow this and it makes for significantly more use of public spaces for social and community engagements. If people were allowed to consume alcohol in parks it would increase sense of community instead of people staying home
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- Sandy Beach is at the foot of an off leash dog park. There are so many off leash dogs that end up in the river where it is not off leash. The last thing we need is pet owners with a beer arguing about the poop/ecoli/bumping small children
- Do we really need this change? How imperative is it to have a drink while on a picnic? Does that need overshadow the negatives that will come from this (believing only well-behaved, law abiding residents will drink in public is naive)?
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- No.
- I would just hope citizens would be respectful of the land and use recycling bins accordingly, also broken glass might be an issue.
- My concern is the exposure of children to it and disorderly conduct amongst adults and teens.
- What are you going to do with the extra trash? Also, there's a higher potential for sexual abuse and misconduct. Do you really want to end up being an accomplice of that?
- Alcohol should be in bars or in closed homes only. People are not accountable for heir actions when liquor is consumed and he wouldn't want that any where around me or my family.
- No I do not, I believe it is a good way to regulate activity that is more than likely occurring anyways.
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- North American attitudes towards liquor are very strange and prudish
- I am not agree to to allow consumption of liquor at picnic sites since it eliminates safety and it will limit my choices.
- It unsafe to use
- No as I believe that liquor should not be consumed at public places
- Lots of concern.. safety of our children and women.increased Misbehave d
- What happens if you arrive at a park to have lunch and you brought alcoholic drink to have as well but there is no picnic sites left. Can you have your alcoholic drinks on a blankets or bench or could you be charged because you don't have a table?
- I feel like people are adults and will mostly be responsible. Most people that would cause problems are already drinking in public and are not worried about it being in designated areas.
- none
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- why are we even wasting time debating this?
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- This is ridiculous you might as well get rid of anti drunk driving adds. No one is going to drink responsibly. Uber and taxis are not going to come to parks and bail people out
- Litter could become an issue. As people become more intoxicated, they may be less inclined to clean up after themselves.
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- I hope just people bahave in consumption of alcohol to avoid any issue and problem of exessivd drinking
- Liquor consumption will cause disturbances in the park... drinking is for adults why do children have to see this ...it this project is actually promoting alcohol consumption and drinking and driving ...how can one guarantee that a small amount of alcoho
- shall never be allowed any intoxicants.
- It should never be considered talk less of allowed
- Garbage is my main concern. Please make sure there's enough bins to dispose of waste
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- You'll force cannabis smokers to tiny little squares to consume in yet boozers have pubs, clubs, every restaurant, the airport, etc. Can drink anywhere. Nature doesn't need any more glass bottle shards.
- I don't see a need. As I marked previously, I'm concerned about impaired driving and boating. Also parties that disturb other users and park neighbours (homes).
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- Great idea
- No
- No
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- No.
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- I think it will lead to drunk and belligerent groups in all the parks, especially during long weekends.
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- Perhaps the total volume of liquor consumed would have to be looked at
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- We use a lot of parks all year long. Consumption at parks increases litter, increases park destruction, increases accidents as many people I know are taking about marijuana and alcohol together at the parks once alcohol is allowed.
- I already do — some folks are clearly drinking from unmarked containers, and the rowdiness bothers me. But there are plenty of respectful adults who could use the spaces respectfully.
- No
- No
- Drinking at parks means broken glass on the ground and disrespectful drunk people on public property.
- No. Nothing will change, it will just decriminalize something that is already happening.
- Don't see how this is a good idea.
- This would be a wonderful step forward.
- I think there would be an increase of broken glass and inappropriate behaviour that I prefer my children not be exposed to. I'm sure a lot of people would be responsible but there's always a few who can't control themselves. No drinking and driving.
- Reduction in revenue from open alcohol in public fines. Ensure to be strict on littering fines to demonstrate promotion of cultural tolerance and respect for the environment.
- Would love to see the option for food trucks be able to run pop up patios.
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- The potential for extreme and unruly behaviour is my main issue. Rowdiness, public urination and who knows what would be my major concern. You don't need alcohol to have fun especially in a park with your kids and family.
- No

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- See small benefit to allowing it for social enjoyment but don't want to see more public drunkenness which would be the inevitable result of allowing this. Small social gathering is one thing, raging kegger is another thing altogether. How to control?
- With Alberta topping the world in deaths related to drinking and driving, allowing liquor consumption in Public park would add more to the erratic and disorderly behaviour .
- I do not want to see liquor consumed there.
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- No
- The city has to many rules and regulations on everything.
- I am concerned if its allowed. I am sure disorderly behaviour and other such issues will trouble the people with families.
- I fully support it.
- How would this be enforced? Or monitored
- Who polices bad behaviour? Drunk driving from the park?
- Drinking and driving and increased waste. Would want to ensure that there is recycling boxes.
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- I do not find this to be a good idea, mainly because it promotes drinking and driving during all hours of the day. In addition, more waste would be created if not recycled properly.
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- Adequate recycling and garbage facilities will be needed
- It's not needed
- Nope
- YESS. It will cause way too much trouble for what its worth... lets keep our parks clean and sober and safe.
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- I think it's a great idea!
- I think this would be a great first step in allowing allowing adults to be adults instead of treating them like children
- No concerns
- I don't understand why this is just picnic sites? I live in the beltline and I think we have to be honest about the fact that lots of people already drink in the parks there. I would consider them all very safe already. So why just picnic sites?
- Charging more for something like this would be dumb and has absolutely no value. What would be the point of charging more.
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- It's a bad idea and the city should focus on the property tax crisis!
- No.

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- My main concern would be additional trash and/or broken glass from improperly disposed bottles.
- safety is my main concern
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- No
- Maybe ensure that there are the appropriate recycling bins available so that people are less likely to throw the bottles/cans in the garbage.
- Yes I think the picnic site will be dirtier and with more crystals and broken bottles.
- Still comes back to drinking and driving (or floating the river). People are on a picnic to have fun. Liquor can add to that fun, BUT too easy to get out of hand. Limited options if they've had too much to drink. Safety issues for all, especially kids.
- No. Obviously people need to be respectful. Not drunk and obnoxious. That should be part of the law.
- I don't believe it will be as much of a risk as the City thinks, sure there will be a few individuals who abuse it just like anything else but the vast majority will consume responsibly just as we do indoors where liquor is allowed.
- If some parks are allowed today, more will be allowing tomorrow, it will be a bad move even after knowing all the bad effect of liquor in our society.
- Leave the current rules/bylaws as is
- although many people may drink and act responsibly, there will be those that become disruptive, lose control, and negatively affect the enjoyment that others would like in a park. Parks are for nature, recreation and enjoying the natural environment.
- I think that consuming liquor at designated picnic sites in parks would cause more problems like it would not be as family oriented. Behaviours after consuming liquors have shown to be very troublesome.
- My one concern is safety. I am concerned about broken, littered bottles.
- I think you should review who put together the survey. I don't think there was a lot of thought into being non-biased. Many of the questions are leading .
- Yes, as I mentioned above that potentially increase crime rate and not accepted behavior in parks
- Yes, drinking and driving, disorderly conduct. It will encourage undesirable behavior such as drug and alcohol use. Calgary already has enough drug problems such as Meth and Fentanyl. Why add alcohol to the mix.
- I would prefer that public consumption is not legal, and that is for alcohol and marijuana. My children will be exposed to enough indecency in their life, we don't need to increase the likelihood.
- I think people already drink liquor but they hide it. Which makes it even more appealing to young rebels breaking the law. Drinking in a moderate way can be seen as normal I guess. I don't like going to bars in the summer when it's nice out.
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- Its not appropriate to use liquor in public places

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- It is dangerous
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- If sites are allowed liquor, there should be stricter management, supervision, and more frequent clean-up put into place. I would worry about the impact on the surrounding people who might be there to try to enjoy nature and the peace of the outdoors.
- Just worried about more trash, have lots of visible recycle containers
- I understand many people may behave inappropriately when consuming alcohol, but we should work on education rather than on prohibition
- Yes, it should not be allowed as it is as good as drinking and driving.
- I think it is something I would stay away from.
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- I will vote for whoever make this happen because this is awesome and very common in Europe
- just what we need is more unruly idiots in public places
- It will be negative impact on our children
- I think its a bad idea, I think it will cause bad behavior, I think it will deter families from using our Parks,
- Not good
- Opening this can of worms to drink in public areas will be a slippery slope. People will get used to drinking in parks at "picnic sites" and continue the behavior at other outdoor locations/parks.
- A good idea. City of Montreal is positive example as I understand it.
- No
- Important to ensure that the areas do not end up getting trashed by drunk folk, perhaps bicycle cops coming by once in a while to ensure no one is overdoing it and causing a disruption.
- My main concern is the high possibility of disturbance (noise, language, aggressive behavior, etc.) that commonly derives when there's a group of people drinking in excess.
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- I think this is a long overdue initiative, and see little difference, impact wise, of enjoying a drink at a licensed establishment (Except perhaps damage to outdoor spaces).
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- My concern is I cannot feel safe in Canada anymore
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- I don't believe liquor should be restricted to just sites that have be pre-booked. I think there should be a mix of sites that allow and don't allow liquor.
- People littering. OR people becoming belligerent and loud.
- No

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- People will abuse it, but the same people are likely to abuse the rules if consumption is not allowed.
- We already see beer & alcohol bottles litters on different places. Allowing liquor in parks will increase this litter and public safety due to broken glasses.
- No
- Yes. It's ridiculous we still have this puritanical 'no drinking in public's law when you can smoke weed anywhere.
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- The people who are going to be disorderly are the ones who already consume it there anyway.
- Adults should be able to drink liquor in parks, as long as they are being respectful and clean up after themselves. I consume liquor in parks in the summertime and haven't had an issue at all, but I make sure that it's concealed, I'm respectful & clean up.
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- Alcohol in parks should not be allowed.
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- Yes, I see lot of problems coming to parks and major safety issue for all of us.
- I think Montreal allows liquor consumption in parks so long as you are eating at the same time - very civilized!
- I don't support allowing because I think some people will behave badly and there will be more difficult to deal with that when there are no rules against it. People are drinking inconspicuously in parks anyway, and if they don't cause problems, no problem
- I think people are probably doing this anyways. At least now there will be a cost involved and specific rules outlined to maintain our parks.
- Yes, Even if you provide a designated place to consume. People still move around while drunken.
- Yes, please see my response to question number 2.
- Worried about more garbage, drunk driving, over consumption by some.
- Perhaps in the future the city of Calgary can look at licensing food trucks, as it would be great to be able to buy a beer along with dinner from a food truck in a city park.
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- I am very strongly against public liquor consumption as I think it is fine as it is structured currently. I only see this as government trying to gather more money by applying this necessary bylaw and could potentially ruin our most wanted living city rep
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- concerns were highlighted in the list offered above
- Make sure there is adequate recycling or people are responsible for bringing their cans and bottles out.
- The only concern is that people take advantage to get drunk in the parks, but I'm not that concerned about that.
- It should not be allowed
- Yes. It's a public place. Then, these people were be all around in camp and picnic site around other families and children.
- I don't think it's that big of a deal to be honest. Other cities allow it and society hasn't crumbled there.
- Washrooms need to be provided at every park that permits liquor, and be open during all of the time that liquor consumption is permitted in that park
- I have no concerns with allowing alcohol at public picnic sites.
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- I have been bringing liquor to city parks and picnic sites for years, and never made a public nuisance of myself! Time to relax this ridiculous set of laws we have in place in this city! Get with the times Calgary, stop being so ultraconservative!
- The small handful of people that would abuse being allowed to drink at a park deters me from wanting this. I could see more garbage, and also destruction of some of the park.
- People are already driving drunk on the roads and they don't drink in parks. By allowing drinking before driving the family back home, many adults may be over the allowed alcohol limit and potentially cause accidents and cripple or kill others.
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- No
- No specific concerns at this time.
- The only concern would be people abusing alcohol. A casual drink or two would be suitable but hard to enforce the amount consumed. I'm a former resident of Calgary. My brother & his fam currently live there.
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- left over mess & damage
- No, it should be allowed and people will be responsible
- Should not be allowed
- yes. dont want my kids exposed to this
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- i do have

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- I feel like if laws were passed there would need higher fines/ penalty consuming near playgrounds, and higher fines for littering/negligence! Also I think it would be fair to allow marijuana to be consumed in the same areas with drinking!
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- It already happens and there are already mechanisms in place to deal with problems that can arise from liquor consumption.
- Increase in disorderly conduct from people who have had too much to drink, and a potential increase in policing.
- No
- No
- no
- Consumption needs to be respectful and considerate of other users in park.
- Not acceptable. Drinking should be allowed in the park. We go to the parks with our kids to fun with them, not to create problems for them.
- People do it anyway, may as well make it legal
- No. If ppl are going to do something illegal, they're generally already doing it with or without a bylaw.
- I hope this wouldn't lead to overpolicing of public spaces, typically more populated by already marginalized (and overpoliced) people.
- It will damage the Park and environment, we don't feel comfortable with the Drinking environment and cannot visit places with families where people are drinking.
- Obviously the policy would be prone to abuse by the usual suspects, so there would need to be some supervision and enforcement - which might over-burden our police.
- I would like to see seasonal beer gardens in parks, not just for festivals. Similar to German beer gardens. There are already many laws against irresponsible alcohol consumption; so responsible consumption should be allowed.
- Children are exposed to seeing liquor use There may be safety concerns and an increase in The City's liability Drinking and driving Drinking before floating down the rivers Damage to the park/environment
- As long as it is controlled. No intoxication in public.
- None! Drink responsibly. It's not a party it's a bonus to enjoy your day at the park. Perhaps include signage to remind individuals to drink n think and don't be silly or drive if you are impaired.
- Should not be allowed .
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- Biggest concern would be drinking in excess and having drunken disorderly people potentially disturbing other sober park users.

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- Yes, It is an idiot idea.
- Yes, for all reasons responded in question #2 above
- I've travelled all over the world and drinking in parks is a common characteristic. I have rarely seen disorderly conduct. People are respectful and it's not a big deal. Calgary's conservatism regarding this area is old-fashioned and not with the times.
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- Point to successes in Montreal. Observe park spaces in Vancouver during the summer and take note of the respect most people show while consuming alcohol.
- no
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- For example: people can start fights, people with certain religious beliefs they will see the drinking as a problem and can create conflict and is setting a bad example for kids
- I have some concerns about unruly behaviour, littering, damaging the natural parks, etc. But really - if it's similar to the way it's done in Montreal, it won't be a big deal.
- Washroom availability.
- Look around the world, it happens everywhere and we need to be more progressiste. Thank you for working on this
- People are doing it anyway.
- It just sends a bad message to especially children that you have to have liquor to have a picnic.
- Relegating public consumption to more private or secluded park sites could be problematic. People may abuse their privilege without social pressure that would otherwise be present when in proximity to other park users.
- Lots of concerns. Such a preposterous idea. There are enough alcohol-addicted people in the City without adding to the number. What is the point of having overarching laws which are then tweaked. How does the City intend to police and regulate?
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- No
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- How does this policy fit with the new \$25million Mental Health and Addiction strategy the City is paying for? Will the costs generated from booking these sites be ear marked for Addiction Treatment Services? Or perhaps victim services?
- I have thought long and hard about this. I just cannot see this being advantageous on any level. The drinking in public parks is already a problem. Why give people more encouragement to do this.
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- See my notes above.

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- I think this is a great idea and I commend council for their forward thinking. This already has been proven to work in other areas of the world, for Calgary to be world class council needs to consider things that put us into the conversation with those
- If someone has a disorderly group under their reservation, they can be banned from re-booking a city park picnic site.
- I would hope that if someone abuses this privilege it is dealt with quickly and would not affect other responsible citizens that comply with the rules.
- I'm not sure why the city is focusing on this pilot project instead of focusing on truly what the city needs. This is a slippery slope. The city is dealing with an opioid crisis and high unemployment. Focus and resources should go these areas.
- Littering, by far. Banning glass would help, and maybe recycling more available would be another great step
- No
- How people handle their alcohol. People in North America do not have the same respect as Europeans when it comes to drinking, generally (younger) people are more disorderly and disrespectful.
- No. Public intoxication should remain a ticketable offense and be enforced. But responsible drinking should be fine.
- No not really, I think it is a good thing it is only allowed to consume liquor if you are also having food.
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- I think it should apply to ALL city parks that have a picnic area. You're not forcing people to drink alcohol on their picnic, you're just giving those that want to do so the option.
- Plz do not allow drinking alcohol at any public place. Let Canada stay as beautiful as it is right now.
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- If people can drink responsibly with respect for those around them and the park then it's okay. My concern is that there are some people who would not be respectful after having a drink or two e.g. in my area there are often empty beer cans on the road.
- Not safe
- Bylaw enforcement will be essential/required.
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- Don't ruin CALGARY,
- This is a step in the right direction for Calgary.
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- I think recycling bins should be provided and no tolerance for horseplay and public intoxication.
- No
- I think as long as people aren't going over board it should be allowed.

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- Risk to safety and health of the user and non user. Combined with potential exposure to Marijuana- directly or indirectly. Enforcement of Bill C-46. Increased burden to the health care system for transport and care and employer cost of loss time injuries.
- i think its a good idea but should be thought out and regulated for the safety of our families and pets as well as wildlife and the preservation of the parks (litter)
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- Simply that the sites are left clean.
- Lots of concerns: the rules (like "only with a meal") aren't practical & won't be followed, leading to disorderly behaviour making the parks less friendly to all, then increased enforcement and cleanup costs as a reaction. All for what benefit??
- Cleanup. Public underage drinking. diligence still needs to be performed to ensure no undergarments drinking and parks need to stay clean. As long as that's done, no concerns
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- Young people will simply use our beautiful parks as a place to go drinking and partying as law enforcement will be difficult. It begs the question. Why are we discussing this? Our police force is already stretched to the limit with drug dealers , homeless
- Lets get on board with the rest of the world.
- We need to quit being so antiquated in our thinking. And I'm 73, so no spring chicken.
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- Ya, why is it any of your business in the first place? All parks should allow it. When are you going to allow cannabis consumption as well? It should be part of the same discussion.
- Drinking in public has been viewed as a subverse activity, done to excess when in realitiy many people are putting liquor in cups in parks and drinking responsibly. We have laws in effect to deal with excessive consumption, dont assume the worst of all.
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- Concerns re. children, religion, and potential abuses shouldn't always negate the choice and enjoyment of others!
- No
- I'd prefer if it weren't specific sites, having to look up exactly which sites are legal will change the demographics of who uses them.
- Hooligans boozing to excess and being a nuisance to other users, then driving away under the influence of excess alcohol.
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- Increased need for police in areas to make sure people are using the sites responsibly.

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- No concerns. This is already done all over Europe etc, without any problems. I think it would be socially beneficial.
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- Not as long as everything gets cleaned up properly.
- I think there might be some bumps in the road initially with people going overboard and more enforcement needed - but I think it would even out over time.
- Worried about people littering, not cleaning up after themselves.
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- Not at all. I can't wait for this change to happen. Most of the concerns people seem to have will occur in parks whether drinking is legal or not. Legalizing it will just allow for more responsible people to prove it is not a big deal.
- No
- N/A
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- All sites should be anle
- It shouldn't be allowed at parks are we all have children.
- Liquor should not be allowed in public places
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- Don't do it! No drinking around children. Drinking and driving. I could go on and on. Terrible idea.
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- Public picnic sites should be for everyone to enjoy, but the use of alcohol opens the door to behaviour that would deter children and others from having a safe enjoyable experience. Alcohol can always lead to profanity, fights, etc.
- People are already using liquor in parks, either in coffee cups or openly drinking from liquor containers. Just normalize it and proscribe some norms of behaviour for all.
- The only thing would make sure that recycling bins are have lots of designated areas and that people doesn't throw their cans and beer bottles everywhere.
- Do it. Do it now!
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- I do not agree with drinking at the picnic sites as there is already enough garbage and beer cans everywhere and this would only increase the issue as people in Bowness Park do not appear to know how to use the garbage cans
- Only that this is now looking like another potential cash grab, like doesn't the photoradar revenue put enough of your kids through post secondary?

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- Maybe a rule that it has to be in a non alcoholic cup as to not promote drinking to other people and youth. Proper disposal of cans/bottles
- No
- Yes! While most people are good citizens, it only takes a few to ruin it for all. Keep our park spaces family friendly and save your alcohol consumption for your home or a bar!
- no
- No
- Not allowed at all
- Nada.
- Don't allow it. People should do their drinking at home or in bars.
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- It would be a great idea, matching most other western countries around the world
- discusting
- The many who consume alcohol irresponsibly such as when camping will take advantage of this and ruin it for others. We need significant fines in place for those goons.
- Disallowing liquor in parks is a response to concerns about secondary issues (i.e. intoxication). We have those issues anyway. We should target the actual issues, and not hinder our citizens' capacity to make their own decisions. Most will be responsible.
- We need to set good examples for our children and grandchildren. It would be good for them to learn thast fun can be had without having to drink more than water and pop. They are little sponges and need all of the help that they can get.
- Would require some potential increases in enforcement and bylaw monitoring.
- it will result in park fights just like bar fights, escalate crime and law and order situations,
- No concerns. There is non-family drinking that already occurs in parks that is a constant problem, I think having more families enjoying the park would actually reduce that type of behaviour.
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- it should just not be allowed.
- This is an issue of personal responsibility in a mature society (don't drink and drive, clean your waste, etc.)
- i hope is not going to be approved
- It should be assumed that most people can consume alcohol responsibly, and only police those who cause any issues, rather than prohibit the majority who would enjoy this freedom.
- Provide alcohol too #yyyc
- As long as the City ensures there are sufficient garbage/recycling options in public parks, I have no concerns.
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- We already have a lot of problems with drunk people during Stampede here in Calgary now you can imagine what's going to happen if we have a by law allowing people drink as proposed.
- As explained above
- don allow at all at public places
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- I think allowing liquor in parks is a progressive idea with the positives greatly outweighing the negatives.
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- Wondering how it would be monitored?
- I could see there being a risk to allowing alcohol and the chance for people to get out of hand, but I think those people would be in the minority. And they might be the ones to cause problems regardless of alcohol consumption.
- Concerned about enforcement to ensure that others are not disturbed.
- Unruly behaviour due to alochol consupcion, signs should be posted advertising fines and also safe drinking guidelines.
- I think this is a great idea and I wish it could have been implemented earlier. Liquor is a part of our culture and should be allowed.
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- None
- I am from Calgary but lived in the Netherlands for the past 3 years. Drinking in parks in Europe is legal and I never saw anyone misbehaving. When adults are treated like adults they behave and no one wants to be drunk in front of people. Just enjoy.
- Ensure that there are many recycling locations located around the osrm
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- No concerns. It is about time we move into the 20th century. Look how many more tourist Montreal attracts a year, and they SERVE beer at their festivals, in the streets and not in fenced in tents.
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- It shouldn't be allowed
- no
- If anything, I would not be opposed to a no glass policy or stricter fines for littering.
- Public consumption of drugs is unacceptable.
- As with any food and beverage consumption current littering laws need to be enforced and proper garages must be available

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- Things would get too rowdy and people may damage the parks and litter under the influence
- Rules must be in place to ensure that there are consequences for abusers.
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- City wont be ale to appoint peace offices to all spots, how you are going to respond to problems in a timely manner? Next will be requests from pot users, how would you stop that? Dont create a mess you wont be able to clean
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- it's allowed in any countries
- No
- I understand the concern that there will be overdrinking and broken glass. This can happen now. Allowing it will not change this. Its like marijuana consumption, there was the same arguments against it from the same people. People are being NIMBY about it
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- No concerns on safety. I feel that people already drink at sites if they want to. This would only remove the stigma. Those who drink at parks already usually have safety in the forefront of their minds.
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- Don't let it get crazy out of control but don't harass people for having some casual drinks during a BBQ, picnic, river chill or river float.
- no concerns existng laws can cover unwarranted behaiour of any type in any park
- Yes , many families may not willig to go parks which are liquor free place
- There should be a media program (Report to Calgarian commercial or signage similar to 17 AV SW project) that focuses on responsible consumption, respect, and appropriate behaviour
- No concerns at all, Calgary already has a public intoxication law, if any citizens using the park become unruly, then there is a just reason to remove them.
- There is potential for people who abuse alcohol to take advantage of the sites or for less responsible people to be disruptive or destructive to the park.
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- No
- This is an insane idea .bad enough there is alcohol causing deaths and marijuana..now there will be no peace in our parks. S
- Concerns about intoxicated driving to and from the parks
- We just need to ensure that disruptive behaviour is curbed and recycling bins are placed near alcohol enabled picnic sites.

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- Liquor consumption sites should be located away from children's areas (i.e. playgrounds, splash parks etc.)
- Do not make it special at certain places or upcharges for this right. Let it be free and have people enjoy in moderation. When there's a level of privilege, people act differently.
- It's already happening so might as well be transparent about it
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- Young children will be exposed to liquor, public safety will be at risk if there will irresponsible drinking.
- No liquor in parks
- No, appropriate behavior is always required and with cell phones, disorderly conduct could be reported immediately.
- I don't
- The management of abuse by those who consume too much alcohol
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- It's been going on in other cities for decades without any real issues, let's open this up, and get into the 21st century with our liquor regulations.
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- no concerns at all
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- Sportsfields should be included, the ban on alcohol is completely ignored anyways.
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- It should not only be in designated picnic areas, but all parks.
- I believe there will be groups of young adults drinking and not behaving themselves. Do not want more damage in my area.
- No, the people who will use it are already doing it now.
- I don't have faith that all people will be able to drink responsibly and we will see more episodes of disorderly behaviour in parks and near kids
- People don't need to drink while out in public, there are plenty of licenced events, and stampede is a perfect example of liquor consumption getting out of hand. Day use parks don't need to add to the chaos
- ensuring there is recycling stations readily available to encourage participants to recycle!
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- There's no solution that will please everyone. I think being told you're not allowed to do something is more likely to lead to problems than if you're allowed to and it's out in the open and treated with respect.
- No concerns, let people drink responsibly in open outdoor space.

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- Perhaps there should be a limit on what you can bring.
- The picnic table exclusivity will lead to more broken bottle and glass than picnic on grass scenarios as grass provides the cushion that concrete-base picnic tables do not. That said, the grass would be slightly more challenging to clean-up glass from.
- No park (especially small ones without bookable sites) should allow drinking. Picnic tables are typically close to playgrounds and other key park features (skating rinks, etc)- allowing drinking will ruin parks for other users, especially families.
- As long as people clean up after themselves (which happens without alcohol), it shouldn't be any different than a camping spot.
- No
- It's common in Europe and not a problem
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- I think we will probably find that 98% of people drinking in parks will behave well, the other 2% are already behaving poorly regardless of the existing bylaw
- Just the police or rcmp canvassing the parks and disturbing private functions or gives more incentives to police to inspect private family functions
- No.
- It just needs to be watched so its not abused. Perhaps install help phones near these locations that if ever something gets out of hand help can be called. Police or security should regularly check in on these locations.
- Consumption of small amounts of alchohol goes in public spaces goes on around the globe. The places where public alcohol consumption is permitted has no more issues with excess drinking than ones that don't allow it. It's an important progressive step.
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- Yes, picnic sites are family friendly so why should kids be experiencing a picnic with liquor involved?
- I don't feel safe.
- Noise and inappropriate behavior.
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- We should be allowed to drink liquor whether or not we are at a picnic site.
- it is a really bad thing and should be rid from every picnic site there is in Calgary
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- People are doing it anyway and nothing bad has happened.

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- Too many problems: What is a picnic site -- a table? a blanket? What is a meal? is the bylaw officer really going to look at what you are eating? What about a group around a table, including minors? Who will control who is drinking and who is not?
- The biggest concern would be people driving to a park, drinking and then driving home. I think the rental of the picnic site should include a pledge not to drink and drive. Signage at the site would help, as well as taxi stands at the larger parks.
- Everyone needs to calm down. Sure there will be a few people who go too far, as is the case with everything. But the vast majority of people will be respectful. We should not restrict that vast majority of the population because of a few bad examples.
- I think this is a great idea. This supports harms reduction — lets allow this and educate people on safe alcohol consumption.
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- Parks are play site for kids if we would go consume the drinks at parks site or would be more concern to drinking and driving with great safety concerns in the parking lots as well
- No.
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- no
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- Please allow Cannabis smoking too.
- I think it's about time. Anyone who thinks this is a bad idea should spend more time in Europe. They could learn to drive better while they're there.
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- I don't think that it's safe for liquor to be allowed to drink liquor in public places. It not only harms you, but it harms other people too.
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- No
- It's 2019, let's embrace a more responsible European model for drinking in parks. I'm concerned this will just ensure people that are unable to book a designated area are going to drink regardless.
- No
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- More trash.
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- Yes, it's not safe! The more we loosen up the laws the more disastrous and destructive behaviour we will see in the public. It's almost a threat to not only younger kids but also those who are minding their own business. Liquor consumption should be private
- No
- Huge no for me on liquor in public parks.
- Consumption of liquor should not be allowed in picnic sites. Many of these sites are visited by families who have children and people looking to relax. The introduction of alcohol will prohibit a large population from accessing this service.
- A majority of people are responsible enough to enjoy an alcoholic beverage in a park and not be disruptive or offensive to others.
- Yes, why are we wanting this? The focus of the world right now is "play" and get outside and enjoy nature and activity. It isn't about go outside and imbibe. NO to this PILOT and the concept period.
- I think it is beneficial for less abuse of alcohol consumption and it is a fun social activity that would be more encouraging for people to get out to the parks for get togethers.
- I don't want to see people consume liquor and make problem at park
- No, We have to be responsible whether we were drinking in a bar, restaurant, home etc. So same rules apply for drinking and driving etc.
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- There will always be people that take advantage of privilege but don't punish the few.
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- I think having the option would be nice,
- I would not like to see this implemented. Alcohol users have plenty of places they can go to consume their beverages already
- I guess my only one is the concern of broken glass. Also underage drinking in the park.
- No
- It has worked in Europe for long enough to research any effects. Those cities seem to have a better vibe and more community involvement.
- No. The people who consume liquor and that would proceed to be disrespectful at picnic sites are already consuming alcohol and doing so, regardless of the law.
- I believe there are many negatives associated with allowing liquor at picnic area—see number 2. Allowing liquor consumption at picnic areas would require more police officers.
- It should still be the same laws as we have in the sense that people can't be drinking and yelling or acting out of hand. It should be a reasonable limit type of thing
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- I have travelled and in many other parts of the world you can go into a 7-11, buy a beer and walk down the street with it. I think that opening up these rules can allow in a more social community.
- No
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- Responsible alcohol consumption should be allowed however I worry about the homeless population drinking in these designated areas. I notice it already in residential areas and there's a lot of broken glass and trash
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- Please No liquor should be allowed in the picnic parks. As we already have enough of marijuana. It's really difficult to take care of my 15 year old kids gets emboldened in these things and their behaviour also changes. They are losing humanity and respect
- No concerns! It is already happening
- this should not be allowed
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- I think this is something that is already prominent in city parks when people are doing it responsibly but run the risk of tarnishing their reputation because of the city laws.
- People getting too drunk, drinking and driving possibility, children potentially getting into alcohol
- No
- I think it would be great. But again, not everyone can control themselves.... tough situation.
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- No
- I worry that once you allow alcohol in parks you will be forced to allow Marijuana which stinks and is a terrible example for young people.
- You should have to book a picnic site. First come first serve. And if a table is not available then you should be able to enjoy the park sat on a blanket.
- Yes, not acceptable at all
- Yes the parks are for getting out to enjoy the family and weather and sun not to get drunk!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- It's a good idea
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- No

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- Safty, drinking and driving, kids
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- There are plenty of places people can drink alcohol. We don't need to open up picnic areas to the ridiculousness that occurs with alcohol consumption
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- No
- There are many risks in allowing liquor consumption at parks
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- Take a look at all of the other jurisdictions (Europe, etc.) where this is already allowed and I don't believe we will see any issues arising out of it.
- No. With the proper planning and execution. The city will do what they can to make it a success for all. People will comply.
- My only concern would be the potential for littering empty bottles or cans. Having recycling bins nearby that are regularly emptied should help reduce that potential.
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- We already overwhelmingly turned down marijuana consumption in parks. This is another example of Calgary's overpaid city council focusing on stupid ideas to distract from their failure to represent the people of Calgary. Cut the [removed].
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- It's a great concern having liquor at picnic sites/parks. It's against our religion. Liquor and drunk people belong at bars. A stranger can become very drunk and since they are at parks where children are, they can do anything to harm them, even abduction
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- Monitoring would need to be strong. One, these areas could easily become areas for homeless to get drunk "legally". Two, a bigger concern is increase in garbage/littering. You can avoid the tipsy population, garbage ruins the beauty that city has made us
- My main concern is bad behavior and bad language
- Loved being able to enjoy wine in a park in Montreal years ago.
- No
- Alcohol consumption should not be allowed
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- I think this is a great idea. I've been to many cities that allow it and there parks are wonderful places to spend an evening.
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- I think that is the right step forward.
- How will the consumption of alcohol be monitored? Consumption of alcohol should stay in places established places with licences and people with training in serving liquor. Peopleshouldn't be forced on other people in public spaces.
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- N/a
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- Please don't overreach on something that the rest of the civilized world already is allowed to enjoy and participate in.
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- Seems fine in Europe it's abojt time
- It infringes the personal rights of several people groups and hurts their feelings in having free times in the nature
- I'm worried some people may take advantage of the freedom and disrespect it by becoming too drunk and belligerent.
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- It shouldn't be allowed. I live right on the park.
- So long as it is limited to day use areas and not rented to large (50+ people) I don't think this will ever be a problem. Instead it may draw people to the park, therefore making more money!
- Well I think people who are going to abuse alcohol in a park will do it regardless of the law, because there already doing it anyways whilst it's illegal. So it would be nice for those of us who want to drink responsibly without breaking the law.
- Unruly behavior, exposure to children, untidy places, loud noises
- My major concern is for the young children that will be exposed to it. One doesn't know how well a stranger at a park can handle their liquor. It is easier for people to cause unwarranted harm if irresponsible people take advantage of this bylaw.
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- Let's get in with the times and legalize liquor in parks (as the Europeans do)

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- Yes. See my comments above. I live next to a park. I don't want to see drunk people swaying at my door step.
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- No
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- Drinking should be allowed at all parks.
- Consumption of liquor at parks already happens and if it were actually aloud people in general would be more relaxed and enjoy their time with family and friends without fear of being crucified by local law enforcement.
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- Make sure enough recycling bins around.
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- None at all. As I noted above, policing should focus on problematic behavior. It's absurd to think that by allowing liquor in public parks would cause chaos.
- No
- Its getting so we can't go anywhere without having booze available That means everywhere you go there's at least 1 drunk obnoxious person ruining it for all. Sit in a park in the sun drinking-load the kids in the car-sounds stupid doesn't it.
- Perhaps liquor should only be permitted if a site is booked. Not just random picnicking.
- As long as there is monitoring by peace officers, that there was an application process or event approval. Just don't want it to be a fall back party place.
- Please don't allow consumption of liquor at designated picnic sites. Thank you.
- Well it's a park. It's not like we can build a wall around people who are drinking alcohol.
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- No
- As long as those people are enjoying a meal with their drink, I think it will be ok
- No
- No
- Have rules to minimize glass, rules to keep it casual such as allowing beers, coolers and wine and not have a 26 of hard liquor at the picnic table. Underage drinking, people abusing the privilege of being able to enjoy a few beers in public.
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- No
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- THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED
- No
- Yes, already listed above
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- Yes it will increase more trouble and criminal in the parks
- No.
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- I would be very disappointed to see the City adopt this in our city parks.
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- There needs to have proper waste, signage on rules for drinking, and consequences must be enacted
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- Nope. Lay out the rules and people will be fine.
- We need a new city council.
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- Many countries in Europe and Asia allow it. If it works for them why could it not in Canada.
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- See above.
- If it becomes legal, I think keeping some areas liquor-free would be best. We know not everyone enjoy liquors and especially not everyone enjoys seeing people's weird drunk behaviours, certainly not kids.
- I would only suggest that signs be put up to drink responsibilities and that public drunkenness not be tolerated.
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- Montreal is a perfect example of bylaws and liquor. You must be consuming a meal to have an alcoholic beverage in the park.
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- No
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- No

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- Same as Q2.
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- No
- Drunk and disorderly conduct due to overconsumption on site.
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- No
- No. Look at European countries.
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- If there was an extra charge, would there be more tamper-proof recycle bins at those sites?
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- Just the driving afterwards part.
- My greatest concern is that people will drink in parks and then turn around and drive home under the influence of alcohol.
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- Some people may abuse this allowance.
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- Some supervision may be necessary for younger crowds that consume
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- Yes, it's not a good idea at all.
- No.
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- Rock on.
- Conceded people will begin to have rowdy parties and display disorderly conduct. Also that people may damage the environment by leaving even more cans than what is already being left by others.
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- No way to regulate or enforce. People already don't book picnic sites or respect reservations as it is. Who will enforce liquor consumption staying in designated areas? Stupid idea.
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- No
- How does a potential bylaw modification to allow consumption of liquor trump the violation of having open liquor in a public place under the Gaming and Liquor Act?
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- Free country means having rules to control excess
- I fully support allowing the consumption of alcohol in public parks
- Yes, see the answers from question 2

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- There will always be people that over indulge. There are plenty of other options for people who want to drink.
- I don't like the idea at all
- Allowing liquor consumption in public spaces would open the floodgates for all kinds of associated problems. Bars have staff trained to deal with overconsumption, unruly customers, etc.. All the same perils exists, without any type of risk mitigation.
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- Certain Countries in Europe permit this. Please reach out to them to see how they have structured their rules and how they have implemented these - and also collect lessons learned.
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- While AGLC has determined that it can only happen at picnic sites with food, we should concentrating on simply responsible consumption regardless whether it is at a picnic site or along the river bank. Liquor laws need a serious update!
- I don't think it should be allowed! Parks are places for kids and families to enjoy activities and should be free of liquor/ drugs of all sorts! I think it will just raise the drunk driving rate and the domestic violence rate or crime rate in general
- No
- With all the new liquor laws this screams entrapment
- No, it's done all over the world n doesn't seem to cause anything extraordinary, occasional drunk maybe but you can find that sometimes now days as well
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- No
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- If people were going to overconsume in parks - they will do it whether it is allowed or not.
- Please stop consumption of alcohol it is destroying our generation
- It should not be allowed. Let's enjoy it all without getting drunk and/or high.
- Consumption should be allowed in all public spaces, with the rule that food must be present.
- I've moved here from London where having a couple of drinks in the park in the summer is a great social thing to do. It's unfortunately marred by irresponsible folks not disposing of trash. But that's the same with any picnic, liquor or no.
- I think the city is asking for trouble.
- Ignore all the naysayers. They do this in other city's and the world has not imploded!

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- If allowed, it should be restricted to one or two parks only
- Should be no different then having a drink in the backyard
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- I think the government needs to stop trying to take a kickback for controlling what its citizens can and cannot do.
- No
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- Absolutely no need to consume liquor at picnic sites.
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- I feel the risk of some people overdeinking is not worth it. One drunk person can spoil it for an entire park. The parks are always busy even without liquor allowance. Liquor would make parks busy with a different crowd.
- No, it does not feel dangerous or irregular.
- Not enough resources available (police) to deal with disturbance calls. Better use of police in more serious scenarios
- I will be afraid to walk through parks if I know people go to parks to get drink. How will you stop people from drinking too much? How will you regulate liquor licenses? Will kids be allowed in parks? I don't feel like parks are for me and my kids anymore
- Yes,
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- I belive liquor should not be allowed on public aites because it increases the risk of many bad things
- No concerns.
- No
- Drinking in parks is extremely common in many countries in Europe, for example Germany, and it brings together many young people and from my observation does not cause issues as it increases responsibility amongst individuals that is not abused.
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- It must be controlled by the city officials and regulations must have very clear consumption charts outlining the acceptable amount of alcohol allowed per site, per person
- Increase the number of recycling bins to prevent littering.
- I think it's a great idea
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- its about time i gone to many picnic sites throughout my life time and always there are people drinking liquor either in cups or mugs please pass this
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- It shouldn't be allowed.
- Yes it's for family to enjoy not for people to sit and get drunk there kids there what if you show them this is a family setting not a bar there. Places for that you going allow pot next I know that coming what about the people what just won't to go to a park
- Marked in question 2 - poor behavior, disrespect for the park, drinking & driving, uncomfortable for other people to use the park if they are rowdy.
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- No
- I am tired of a vocal few turning our city into their playground. We should stop making it easier for citizens to drink and particularly not where families are trying to enjoy the outdoors.
- People are already drinking there so saying it's not allowed is pointless.
- No
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- I would like to see officers regularly to insure civilized behaviour
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- Some people drinking too much and ruining it for everyone else
- Just a concern about people recycling cans and littering
- People should be allowed to enjoy parks. Yes there are always going to be idiots in any culture but why should everyone be subject to archaic rules because of them? In Europe people enjoy life and aren't penalized for the aberrant behaviour of some.
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- people drink at picnics or camping sites anyway. so long as there is a designated driver it shouldn't be a problem. let grown ups be grown ups. there will always be abnormalities no matter where or what the situation is. thanks
- It's already happening, might as well have some guidelines in place
- Don't allow it. It's not a pub or a bar. It's a family place for people of all religions and drinking is not a family or child friendly activity and can lead to many dangerous situations.
- Why not? If people respect each other and the park, I don't see any problem.
- No
- There should be rules and regulations for drinking in the park. It shouldn't be a free for all that would cause so much chaos.

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- I think any poor behaviour from over consumption would be reported to police and handled the same way as someone leaving their house, bar, etc, intoxicated.
- Surly these spots will be unsafe and you are going to put citizens in dangerous situations
- Consumption of liquor at picnic sites should be a permitted process \$10 to \$15. People would need to plan their picnic & transportation, rather than picking up a case of beer and KFC and having a party.
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- Kids exposed to alcohol use, broken glass, disorderly conduct, drunk driving.
- shda done this decades ago
- If you allow this I would like you to remove allowing fire pits in residential areas.
- Nope
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- I would be willing to oay the extra
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- That it would be an awesome idea for liquor to be allowed in parks
- Yes it will have negative impact for the visitors. Also, there will be law and order situation because of drunk people which will impact the lifes of people.
- I think it's a great idea, I actually think it's bring more of a sense of community because people are out and about much more
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- No
- Too many to sum up in 300 characters. Don't succumb to public pressure & stand up for the children, seniors and vulnerable sector who's safety you're threatening. Unless theres 24/7 police presence absolutely and definitely no.
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- Just make sure there are proper facilities and bins for disposal and recycling.
- I'm Canadian just like you are and my experience has been, most of us are very accommodating people. And that's a fantastic strength. Many of us have already been drinking our beers in campsites for years, and we all get along. So let's keep doing that.
- There are already laws in place for every negative outcome you might be worried about in regards to drinking in public (public drunkenness, public urination, disorderly conduct, littering etc), making the act of having a drink itself is nonsensical.
- Nope.
- Allow it everywhere in all green spaces.
- This is a very normalized thing in Europe, and the vast majority don't abuse it. People are already drinking in parks, this just puts some rules around it.
- Please don't do that

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- No
- No concerns.
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- I think this will lead to more dangerous activity. Also, is this fair to people who received drunk in public tickets for simply walking home from bars ?
- No
- If the idea behind it is that it might increase attendance, I do not think that having an increase in the number of people attending a park only because they can drink liquor would be a benefit. I think it would solve more problems than it would create.
- There are designated spots/sites for smoking cigarettes, why not allow designated areas to picnic and have a few beers.
- My biggest concern has always been the hesitation towards it. Having spent time in Europe and seeing how it is done there, I am confident that Calgarians would do Canada proud in leading from the front on this pilot. Thanks for listening and good luck!
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- No
- Broken glass and litter. There's always the possibility of a small number of people ruining it for the rest of us too (rowdy behaviour).
- yes. in europe, people are able to enjoy a glass of wine or beer with a picnic, with little increase in debauchery or public area damage.
- Don't do it.
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- People can make a choice to consume liquor in public spaces. By changing this designation, it increases space for consumption, but the cost of monitoring the issues of consumption may not be covered by the city. Shall we change the consumption of smoking
- Don't add more problems for the police. They are busy enough as it is.
- No.
- Please allow it, then apologize to Farkus for acting like children. Thanks
- No
- No concerns. I've lived for a while in Germany where alcohol can be consumed in public (not just at picnic sites) and I never observed any issues whatsoever.
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- Would be uncontrolled
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- Only concern really is that if this is allowed, it may result in more presence of law enforcement in parks which may lead to more conflict and public discomfort.
- Take Europe as an example and stop being so strict.
- No, not at all.
- Only concern is breaking bottles in the grass. Strict rules on plastic cups and cans should be enforced.
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- Everyone should feel comfortable in a public park. Consumption of liquor should not be in such a public area. It often leads to more disinhibited behavior such as aggression toward others, risky behavior, damage to property and disrespect for others.
- It will be difficult to restrict drinking to picnic sites only. There is often little or no security officers at public parks if conflict or violation of remaining within the picnic site occurs.
- Yes, it concerned that council is worried about its citizens not being able to drink or use drugs everywhere. Can there not be any neutral areas in our lives to just enjoy the outdoors, wildlife & family time together. What a ridiculous idea!
- It is just a recipe for our beautiful parks and recreation areas to get littered more and vandalized. Just another stupid idea brought forward by Gina Carlos-Cara.
- Increased intoxication in a public park where children are. Potential damage to City property. Noise levels could increase.
- A few. However, I've been to picnic sights and parks in Europe that allow open alcohol and there doesn't seem to be a problem. Drunk and disorderly behaviours should not be tolerated. People can learn to co some responsibly
- There should be some level of increased peace officer/police presence to deal with people being drunk and disorderly in public
- my concern is that this would simply be too difficult to monitor and enforce and we will have drunken parties happening. I don't understand why this is even being considered
- Litter would increase. If the trash cans are not available or are full litter will increase. Recycling should be installed next to garbage cans in city parks as well.
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- I'm concerned that we have to have this public conversation about something so minor as responsibly enjoying alcohol in the park. Are there not bigger conversations to be had?
- If you allow alcohol in picnic site you will need more control. Broken glasses, dangers behind abuse are also very common. Especially when picnic sites are very close to water
- No, I think this should be allowed and being intoxicated (visibly) should be avoided and perhaps penalized.
- Not at this time

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- In traveling much of the world consumption of alcohol on public spaces is perfectly acceptable and people are still respectful of one another and the space. Let's trust that Calgarisns are smart enough to be responsible adults
- I don't think there are any additional risks except keeping the parks clean.
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- It would n3ver be just designated spots. People drink wherever they please now and discard empties in the parks. Take a walk some day, especially in Fish Creek.
- I think most people would be responsible, however the potential for disrupting behaviour, injury and fatalities is increased by allowing liquor consumption at these sites.
- No.
- Littering is my biggest concern, having recycle bins overflow. Fines should increase for this type of behavior.
- Public park is for safe picnic for participants & surrounding picnic sites.
- No concerns. It would be a nice feature.
- The government should make some suggestions on how many drinks can be consumed
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- To much potential for rowdy parties and under age drinking. To expensive for extra policing to enforce liquor rules.
- Concerns mentioned in #2
- In Europe (Budapest in particular) people are allowed to drink publicly. I see people in the park enjoying a beer and I see no rowdiness to it. The more we restrict something the more people want it.
- i lived in Australia for 5 years. I havent seen any disorderly behaviors at the part (especially those known as "family parks"
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- Picnic with a glass of wine on a sunny day, yes please!! Most people are responsible enough to control intake, it is a handful of folks who get rowdy or out of control and we see that currently in our parks and on the streets, get with the times Calgary.
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- no, I think it should be opened to all parks, not just picnic sites. It would be good to be able to play frisbee in a park and be able to have a drinks with friends after. Or put up a blanket in the park across the street and have an impromptu picnic.c
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- Should be allowed, but people who abuse it should be fined.
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- Make sure that it's understood that this is still a public space and overconsumption is not acceptable and that drinking and driving.
- No. It's time Calgary joined the rest of the world and stopped being so puritanical.
- Just allow it, don't police it unless people are causing harm to others or public spaces. If you want to make money, install proper recycling bins to return the bottles.
- Keep our parks alcohol free.
- I think safe consumption in public spaces is fine. If drinking is treated less like a taboo and we educate people on proper consumption habits then my bet is there will be less public intoxication.
- Definitely allow
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- As said before it will add to the misery of people in the park.
- Cost of additional policing
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- As I mentioned above, those who already abuse the privilege will likely not change their habits. Enforcement of disorderly conduct and drunkenness in public will be key in the success of introducing alcohol consumption in parks.
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- There is going to be a small minority of people who will abuse the privilege. Fine them HARD. Don't let that deter from letting everyone else's enjoyment of our parks.
- Dumb idea. There is no plus side to doing this.
- A small majority of disrespectful ignorant people will get drunk in public and leave a mess. This already happens regardless of current rules. Some ignorant people just do what they want regardless of societal or legal expectations.
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- Should not be allowed at all.
- NOT GOOD FOR ANYONE
- Alcohol in Parks sure why not. But not in picnic sites with playgrounds or parks with playgrounds. It shouldn't be allowed around other people's kids you do not know or have parents consent.
- I agree with the 'with food' clause as it should not encourage loitering, vandalism or drug use. This would need to be carefully patrolled at first to set expectations.
- People are probably doing it anyways. Why not put it in the open?
- Monitoring liquor consumption in parks will cost the city in programs & police in resources beyond fees collected. The message the city is sending youth is an important component of enjoying parks includes liquor. Designated parks shuts people like me out
- No. I believe the people that would abuse this likely already do and don't have regard for the spaces.
- Cannabis consumption should also be allowed.
- Ensuring access to public transit and plenty of recycling/garbage bins.

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- It happens all over the world. People already smoke marijuana wherever they want too. We still have to be responsible adults.
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- No.
- Gateway to consumption of drugs
- With the legalization of weed, allowing people to drink in parks hardly seems dangerous or troublesome outside of proper garbage removal which is already a concern.
- I think it should be expanded to certain streets like Stephen Avenue
- Maybe homeless people and drunk driving.
- Parks are supposed to be a safe, fun place for families. Allowing liquor in parks will interfere with that. It only takes one rowdy party to ruin an entire experience. People can drink at home/bars. Not everyone has a back yard to hang out - use parks
- only allow wine and beer
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- No
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- I used to live in Montreal where you are able to drink in parks as long as food is present. I never witnessed anyone getting out of control, it was always very laid back, a nice way to enjoy the outdoors and relax.
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- Look at other cities such as Montreal that allow liquor.
- No, I think it's the same as meeting up with friends for a midday drink on a patio. Same potential issues, just more economical.
- no alcohol please
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- No
- It would have to be monitored.
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- these should be accessible for all without liquor
- No concerns. Recently enjoyed parks with alcohol consumption in California. Very civilized.
- Safety of public and bad behaviour
- I think we are past due on this change. I think when we look to cities in Europe where drinking any sort of beverages in parks are acceptable this helps to contribute to healthy higher standard of living.
- No need to make a bunch of new rules that need to be enforced. No need for permits or things like that.
- just don't agree with being able to drink in the parks

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- No
- I think that we need to stop these laws which take away rights from responsible people: can't drink at picnics, can't take beer from one province to another, can't shake someone's hand at a bar, etc. It doesn't actually do anything but make people hide it
- I think this is a great step in the right direction! Similar to Europe!
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- Please consider cannabis
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- allow it!
- I think over time as liquor consumption becomes more normative people will learn to moderate accordingly for the most part. In most other countries I've been to, people relax in the park with a picnic/beer/wine and rarely drink to excess.
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- It should not be allowed at all.
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- No
- No.
- No
- This reminds me of when Ontario allowed women to go topless, everyone thought there would be mayhem, didn't happen. If people are irresponsible drinkers, they will do what they do regardless of the law.
- It will obviously have to be monitored in order to maintain control.
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- You should have more recycle bins so rafters and visitors can easily recycle their cans and bottles.
- Nope sounds like a great idea
- Alcohol leads to rowdiness.
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- I have been to cities where this is legal, and nobody takes it to an extreme. This would be great for our city!! I live in an apartment and don't have a yard. It would be nice to sit outside in a park and have a cold beer on a hot sunny day!!
- No
- Encourage responsible drinking - if it isn't taboo, I would hope that people would embrace being reasonable with both their handling of and consumption of alcohol.
- There would be available the proper disposal of glass etc

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- Yes. There will be more foolishness then there already is. People may be drunk and raft or drive. Younger groups may be sneaking around drinking at parks with their families even though they are u see age.
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- No.
- Just people getting out of hand. But for the most part it'll just be one or two
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- No. Most people are with their relatives enjoying a nice picnic.
- Make sure there is well-marked recycling
- No
- Only that it is unnecessarily restrictive. I don't see why anyone shouldn't be allowed to have a drink in any park at any time. I believe any concern that a reasonable person has about liquor in a park is already made illegal by another law.
- No. Just think the same rules for human decency should apply! Pick up your bottles, don't disturb others and don't over do it :)
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- No
- I don't see how it can be controlled or enforced. Are bylaw officers going to check if the proper food amount is available? Are police patrolling? Will the city require a deposit to ensure cleanup after a party?
- People already do it now so might as well make it legal and safer.
- The mess left behind, the people consuming alcohol in a way that would affect others negatively are already doing so.
- no
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- Likely needs to be some sort of police or security
- No concerns. Open liquor laws are widely accepted across many European countries and there are rarely any issues in these public places involving liquor.
- Who is going to monitor the drinking and clean up after up afterwards? We have limited resources. By-law can't follow up with hoarders, the police are over taxed. Parks - come up with another revenue idea besides booze. What's next pot and drugs?
- No
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- Why is this even being considered? Do people need to consume alcohol that badly that they can't even have a relaxing picnic lunch with friends and family, whether they say they drink responsibly or not. It does not set a good example for any children.
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- There would need to be appropriate can disposal bins available so that people put their recyclables in the right place. Other than that, no concerns.
- I think it's a good idea.
- No additional comments
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- This is a really dumb idea. All you will have is the 18 and older crowd gathering in the parks to get drunk. Then you have to worry about their behaviour in the park and when they leave the park - as far as driving, vandalism, etc.
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- I think it's a great idea and would bring Calgary in line with other major cities around the world that have seen positive outcomes from allowing liquor in designated areas.
- Make it happen. I have traveled to many countries that allow drinking in parks and it encourages young people and family's to spend time together and enjoy the beauty of the city they live in
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- No
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- There is no issue here; there really isn't. Sure you may get a few morons but you get them everywhere. You let them speed their trucks through the city streets and that endangers peoples lives everyday.
- There would need to be some strict regulations about keeping the park clean and not littering the bottles.
- I think it would get a lot more people outside enjoying the beauty of Calgary increasing a sense of community.
- No, seems like a good idea to me.
- It should not be restricted to designated picnic sites, people should be allowed to bring their own picnic with wine and not be restricted to designated sites.
- Too much potential for misuse. Vandalism and garbage left will increase. Parks should be for enjoying the outdoors. Alcohol should not be required for that.
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- The only issue would be if there was increased garbage; but that could just create more jobs cleaning it up!
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- I expect most people would be respectful and responsible users however it takes very few to ruin it. And I expect there will be a person or group every day cause problems because being disrespectful of other, the environment and or the laws in general
- Public parks should always be family friendly first and foremost. Allowing alcohol consumption, even at selected picnic sites will increase belligerence and decrease park enjoyment for all users.
- if people get carried away with the amount they consume - that is a problem for others in the park.
- Damage to environment and wildlife.
- I feel like drinking in parks have the same benefits or consequences of drinking in someone's backyard or in a bar. It should be done in moderation. There should be designated drivers. Why should a park be different than anywhere else?
- My greatest concern is that liquor is not allowed at picnic sites.
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- Relax about it. People have been doing it for 100 years I bet. Let it go.
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- The fact you want to charge money for me to sit at a public park. And charge me to consume something i already paid for.
- No Comments or concerns.
- No
- No
- People desperate to consume alcohol in a public park probably should not be drinking! And what comes after liquor?
- it's not a good idea to start going down this path. We already have a problem with drinking and driving in this city
- Enforcement of bad behaviour.
- Overuse - public drunkenness and bad behaviour. I assume this would be managed the same way - notify the authorities.
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- I think it is a great idea
- No
- I think there is a balance to find, in securing comfort, access and safety for families, as well as adults who would imbibe at such locations.

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- Like I mentioned before, I participated in a few days long Reggae festivals on the beach where alcohol consumption was legal and there was no problem with drunk people, or with the mess, quite the opposite.
- Drinking and driving as well as not picking up after yourselves (which can happen with normal bbq as well)
- It is about time we treated adults like adults.
- I think it is a bad idea, and doesn't benefit anyone.
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- Public parks benefit everyone. Anything that makes park use un-enjoyable should not be encouraged. Some intoxicated people behave badly and become abusive to people nearby
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- My concerns are chiefly with maintaining the cleanliness of the park site, ie. making sure there are not bottles etc. lying around. Although it is a concern, I think anyone wanting to drink and then cycle or float the river is already doing so.
- No
- We have to stop being a nanny state. People are responsible for their own actions
- Increased need for public restrooms, garbage and recycling bins.
- No concerns. It's done most everywhere else in the world. I don't see why we don't allow it here.
- It will impact negatively allowing liquor consumption in a public place
- Yes. Parks are open spaces without clearly defined zones. Who is going to police consumption only in the designated zones? The same people who police the requirement that dog owners pick up their pets' defecation?
- I just don't see why the liquor is not allowed on picnic sites. As long as it stays within the site and there is a label telling where to report someone who is a potential danger to the public.
- This could impact front line resources like Police, EMS and Fire Dept. With alcohol comes issues (impaired driving, domestics in parks, fighting, etc). Leave the parks for families/people without alcohol. There's plenty of places to drink already.
- People are consuming alcohol anyways.. I smell a tax grab coming...
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- It makes parks unsafe with young children playing around open liquor.
- No
- Would like to see lessons learned from other cities incorporated into roll-out/pilot
- I have no concerns. I believe the city would see an increase in usage, and with that there should be easy and timely access to law enforcement to deal with anyone that abuses this privilege.

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- No concerns at all. Alcoholics who are disorderly already drink wherever and are disorderly in public. Allowing people to drink at a picnic will not be increasing people being disorderly in public picnics.
- I believe cannabis consumption should also be allowed.
- No
- Seems to work well in many parts of the world. Get with the times.
- We're grown ups, let us be responsible for our actions.
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- no, not at all
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- I'm sure people are already drinking in parks.
- it is simply not necessary
- Would the consumption be restricted to specific hours?
- recycling containers could be at the parks to allow for refundable containers to be sorted. Money raised can to towards park maintenance .
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- No, but please provide safe firepits at Cates Park.
- None
- No
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- Littering and disorderly behaviors are main concerns. How to reinforce the drinking rule? Would that cost the city a lot?
- No
- None
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- I do not.
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- Nope
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- Have times that are reasonable - 11am until 9pm would seem reasonable. Do not restrict it on any certain days. The vast majority of people are not religious. Do not punish others because they don't believe in invisible people.
- Thank you for this proposal and for gathering input from the public.
- I would like to see how this project works. Hopefully it proves that people can respect our parks when consuming alcohol.

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- No.
- I think it is a great idea, and would love to see this happen.
- Irresponsible public drinkers will remain so. But most people just want to share a bottle of wine on a blanket on a nice day without feeling like a criminal.
- Use the public intoxication laws that already exist.
- Clear recycling containers needed.
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- I have no concerns regarding the consumption of liquor at picnic sites. Alcohol consumption in the public realm has been demonstrated to not have a negative societal impact in countless cities across the globe. It should be permitted in Calgary as well.
- I would have concerns about some of the cities degenerate or homeless being more present in the parks trying to take advantage of the ppl and negative effect it it could have on the environment if ppl don't clean up after themselves
- Please do this, I think Montreal's model is a great one to follow, it follows logic and common sense.
- Only if it involves paying more for the same services.
- I would like to see increased public transit options to large parks to help combat drinking and driving.
- This shouldn't be allowed.
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- People are going to drink alcohol at picnic sites anyway, so it makes sense to legalise it for sensible adults to enjoy.
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- No
- Nothing outside of the law as it stands.
- No. Obviously if you are "drunk" you should get in trouble for doing anything illegal but otherwise I think it is great!
- No
- No concerns but I'm so happy you are considering allowing it!
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- I'm concerned some people may freak out. Not the drinkers, but the ladies temperance league types.
- I'm just surprised why Canada didn't gave the freedom way earlier to its citizens.
- No
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- Disorder behaviour, DUI
- Nope
- Parks have playgrounds....We are once again setting a bad example for our children!
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- Perhaps there could be hours in place for the consumption? For example, maybe people could be allowed to drink from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM but not over night.
- Please don't allow liquor in parks it damages the way kids see the picnic sites
- why risk any community to the increased drunks, drugs, drinking and driving, aggression, rape, belligerent rude people, empty bottles everywhere. Why can't our streets and parks be a safe place?
- Drinking and driving, specially with the new regulations
- Litter and people acting like idiots.
- Only request is during this pilot ensure there is police coverage to ensure people are acting appropriately and if made to feel uncomfortable there is proper law enforcement
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- Should not be allowed
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- I think it could be a really great thing, to let people have the option to have a drink in public spaces. People are sneaking alcohol into parks anyway, why not regulate it.
- People taking it to far, and littering.
- Not a good idea. Why do we need to do this? There are other places people can drink.
- Drunkards acting stupid and kids being exposed to that.
- parks need to be free of pot and liquor and tabacco smoke
- liquor should only be consumed in places which are adult only.
- Do not see why it is nessesary
- Don't allow
- Just practice safe consuming. No different than a bar
- No additional comments.
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- Yes. Keep alcohol consumption out of all Calgary Parks. Go to pubs, your own residence, or licensed Facility for consumption.
- This is a great ideas,it is good for business and socializing . I have seen this in Paris and i wished why we do not have it in Calgary.
- I think CI

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- I 100% support allowing alcohol in our parks. There MAY be some that overindulge when this policy is new, but once it becomes "normal", i do not believe ther3 would be any issues.
- Just to make sure there are well-placed and frequent receptacles for bottles.
- No
- I don't have any concerns at all. Many other countries in the Western world (Germany, France, Japan, etc.) have been doing this for decades with no resulting social issues.
- This is a ridiculous idea. The next thing that we will be asking about is cannabis use in parks. Maybe I should just lock my kids up and never let them outside.
- none whatsoever. It is already happening on a regular basis and i have never witnessed an issue due to alcohol consumption at a picnic site in a family/friends sitiation.
- No
- People getting too drunk and not being able to control their actions.
- I understand the pitfalls of this and I know there will be a rough first couple years of it. But I feel we need to grow as a society.
- I think that is a progressive idea. If there are unruly individuals, there are already laws to address that.
- My thoughts are above.
- It's just another concern that when liquor is involved so many people generally get louder, more inconsiderate and less pleasant to be around. You don't need that in a park.
- Its not good for children anf not family friendly
- This is a stupid idea. It has no benefits and you would lose the authority to remove anyone drinking irresponsibly. You also now have police determining the rules (bad idea) who don't have the resources for this.
- Just need to make sure it's done responsibly. It's not like people don't already drink in parks.
- No.
- No as long as there are sufficient controls in place
- People already bring liquor to these picnic sites. People bring liquor to Prince's Island. People bring beer to the dug outs at Slow Pitch/ rec sport. They call it BEER LEAGUE for a reason. It's time to change the laws to something that makes sense.
- Disposal sites will need to be provided within close proximity to sites to prevent littering and excess clean-up for city employees
- People that will be idiots and get out of control will do so with or without the laws consent. You're not hurting them, just those that choose to follow the law.
- No none at all. I think that 99% of the people consuming alcohol at a public park with families around will be responsible. The 1% remaining will be dealt with by the CPS.
- Hard to enforce the boundaries and limits within designated areas
- No. I might if public park hours were 24/7, but most of them close at 10 or 11, so I think it'll be fine.

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- Stated above
- I figure it will lead to a higher police presence and perhaps more vandalism of parks
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- No.
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- Should be patrolled for disorderly behaviour. People already drink in parks they just use travel mugs. Just allow it and police bad behaviour.
- No
- No concern
- I think pilot will not review full cost differentials when alcohol is consumed. As usual, city admin is hiding head in the sand when it comes to costs.
- None.
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- littering fines and public intoxication laws should be Increased.
- Public safety. Drinks no and driving.
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- No
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- No.
- I don't want to see liquor consumption in any City park picnic sites
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- No
- It's about time
- No
- I believe this would be highly beneficial to those who want to respectfully use the spaces. I do stand concerned at what may trickle down to other groups lobbying for use of substance such as cannabis in these spaces
- People already drink at parks, I am certain that only responsible users will book sites that allow liquor. Irresponsible users will drink anywhere anytime
- The moral outrage that will ensure prior to the ordinance. See: marijuana dispensaries
- No.
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- I think this is long overdue, European cities allow for open consumption in all public parks, and they still manage to be peaceful, clean, and fun for individuals of all ages, even if they are not also drinking.

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- All the picnics I have had have not always been at official picnic sites. Whatever the decision clear signs will need to be posted so people can avoid unnecessary fines.
- I think as long as there are strict rules about public intoxication and making sure to clean up after yourself etc, it should be a success.
- I warn you public drinking is not something the city should support. There are too many people with addictions and we as a society should be more supportive and not enablers.
- Great initiative to allow liquor in parks!
- I think this is an awesome movement and good for Calgary for taking it into consideration.... it should have never been illegal.
- Primarily inappropriate behaviour, including being too loud. Needs to be a simple way for other park users to report such behaviour. Perhaps the 311 app can do this.
- As stated a person could get drunk and be of danger or harassment to other people or even to kids.
- No.
- No
- One of my fondest memories is of drinking a bottle of champagne with a friend sitting on the Thames in London and watching all the people go by and the sun setting. Alcohol was available all over the place. No one was behaving badly. Calgarians could too.
- yes, stop it
- My only concern would be the people that would abuse the privilege. There's always someone that ruins it for the others that just want to enjoy responsibly.
- Please do not allow this
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- Let's get it done!
- We should do it! In other countries, developed countries, rules are much more relaxed about alcohol consumption in parks. Stats do not show an increase in any of the "concerns" due to this.
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- We've done without them, and nobody has been frustrated or harmed by the lack of liquor-consumption designated sites. It would just be a potential headache for park users, law enforcement officers, park maintenance workers, and other non-drinking users.
- I think it's a very poor decision that will put some people in danger situation
- I do not have any concerns. I do not remember any park areas in Europe where alcohol would be completely prohibited. And people are able to develop a culture of reasonable consumption that is not causing any issues.
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- Only concerned with having proper places to dispose of empties and not seeing broken glass

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- Do not be swayed by religious groups who say it goes against their beliefs. I should have the freedom to do as I wish in the space around me. And guess what, those who want to drink in parks already do.
- I think if this is allowed then there needs to be an increase in recycling bins to prevent empties from being thrown on the ground or into the garbage.
- You will always have people who will be irresponsible with it. Best to leave it alone and not in parks.
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- Public consumption of alcohol has been legal in Europe forever and it doesn't create difficult situations, it just creates less work for the police. If troublesome people are going to consume in public, they are going to consume regardless.
- Lets try a pilot project at parks that already have several different cultures together one in each quadrant of the city - 30 or 45 days.
- No. The people that want to drink in parks are already doing so. This change would simply decrease the police hours and necessity to punish those who drink. Furthermore, people already can drink before they go the parks and be drunk there.
- Travelling to other countries shows how people police themselves and are able to enjoy personal freedoms such as liquor in a park with minimal or no issues - this nanny state needs to step back
- no
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- Concerned about the noise and bedlam if things get out of control, especially for people who live near those parks.
- Finally a step into the modern age. I think rules about public drunkenness already catch any concerns with consumption in parks. If you are sober and just have one drink I have zero concerns.
- Concerns with some groups over-imbibing
- I think most people will be responsible and adult about it. I don't see it being so different from publicly drinking at a bar, etc.
- This is already the norm in the majority of Europe and large parts of Asia. Our laws regarding responsible alcohol consumption in public are outdated and not inline with public opinion
- In other parts of the world people are allowed to enjoy an alcoholic beverage in any public space - as long as they do it responsibly. Most people are able to control themselves after a drink or 2. Punish bad behavior, not responsible liquor consumers.
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- There would need to be better recycling options so that all of the bottles and cans could be dealt with responsibly.

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- What would enforcement look like? Any additional city staff required?
- JUST SAY NO!!!
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- I don't see any difference between drinking in a park and in a restaurant. People drink at their home, parties etc. As long as it is not harmful to other people, it should be allowed to drink in parks.
- Parks are used a lot by families with young children who don't need to be exposed to liquor and the potential consequences of drunken behaviour.
- litter.
- I am tired of these issues being rammed down our throats. We have a huge drug problem in our city. Put your money towards addressing that issue!
- No concerns
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- As mentioned above, I don't believe that the consumption of alcohol in public should be a crime.
- Liquor is fun, but I don't think it's safe. People might drive home after they drink.
- With enough education (ads, messages, signs), people especially families can drink responsibly.
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- What a ridiculous idea, creates even more of a risk for people getting behind wheel. If this was an honest policy, cannabis would be considered. How much did local breweries donate last election?
- People act like idiots after a couple of drinks.
- Yes! Bad behaviour; lack of enforcement; drinking and driving; feeling unsafe in public parks. We have enough substance use issues to deal with in society without adding opportunities for more. Drink at home!
- No
- Liquor use limited to larger parks, in separate areas with clear boundaries only. I am concerned that there might be rowdier behaviour when allowed to drink openly, and that people might get on a raft or drive after drinking, or do damage to the park.
- Again, I think the current law is outdated and is aimed more at hiding the consumption of alcohol, rather than promoting safe, consumption.
- Should not happen
- Will the designated areas be restricted areas for families & children ?
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- Increased garbage and refuse left behind.
- should not happen, if not a special event... still against though.
- No

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- No. I think people are generally responsible, considerate, and mature individuals. Those that aren't are already drinking in the parks anyway! I think this is a way to make our parks SAFER as it can be regulated & follow rules/guidelines.
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- don't allow it
- Nope.
- Need to have officers enforce the rules..
- I do think it could be misused and I understand this risk. I would hope people might learn to 'police' themselves and their friends.
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- Hopefully you do not use this issue to cost calgarians more money when this economy is already hard on people in this city.
- no
- No concerns.
- Keep drinking out of public parks. We already have concerns over our children not being outside enough. Why would we feel comfortable opening this type of environment. It's a ridiculously bad idea for a buck with no benefits. Start thinking like adults!
- Though I think liquor in public parks should be allowed, enforcement of public drunkenness laws should still stand.
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- Liquor in parks increases social misbehaviour, family, sexual abuse. We have seen all it in India. They already drinking in Canada parks, failed law enforcement. Is City against the migrated communities. They part of your children's society.
- I don't have any concerns here.
- I think it's a great idea and it is much needed. As an immigrant, noticing that drinking in parks wasn't allowed was a big shock for me. Take for example some countries in Europe, their parks are well attended because drinking is allowed.
- This is a hard NO. It's fodder for "whose rights are more important" . My rights to a safe, fun picnic, or others idea of a safe, with intentions (but no promises) of drinking responsibly, fun picnic.
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- Cannabis is already legal, now you want to have liquor consumption introduced into a public/family places likes parks? That is too much.
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- N/a mi

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- If we could guarantee that people would be responsible, then I wouldn't have any concerns but I think it would be really difficult to keep people to the regulations.
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- It would be very difficult to police if people decided not to comply with regulations
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- Policing drinking only in conjunction with food will be a bit tricky, although I appreciate why you would want to have this rule.
- No.
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- Yes. Those stated above.
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- Yes
- No
- Allowing alcohol means more procedures that need to be followed and monitored. The city doesn't have enough money right now - adding more costs doesn't make sense.
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- Concern on disorderly behaviour and enforcement of limiting liquor to allowed sites/area.
- I think after time it will become normalized much like how Britain allows public consumption of alcohol. To me, its important to keep people accountable, but allow for a glass or two of wine at the same time.
- Very bad idea. I have drunk people at my hotel I own and it is not easy to deal with drunk people in public
- Consider researching how European countries implemented open container laws for guidance, it will be important to educate the public about responsible consumption and ensure there are people to enforce and give tickets if required if this is launched.
- None
- No comments
- None.
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- I feel it should be legal to drink alcohol on 17th ave during summer months.
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- No
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- Silly idea
- I only see teenagers getting drunk and making disorders
- Absolutely no concerns.
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- i see no problem in moderation. we have too many rules around alcohol consumption that does little to make people safer
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- On a personal basis I would prefer not to allow liquor, but I do respect the desires of others if they are responsible.
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- I do not have any concerns, places all over the world allow consumption in public parks and the statistics show there is no significant increase in crime or disorderly behaviour. This introduction could help to teach Calgarians responsible consumption.
- Should be not allowed liquor in parks
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- Please see my comments under #2 - biggest concerns. I would be thrilled if you would leave our parks as a precious place for children to have the full attention of the adults who are with them. A place without alcohol.
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- Perhaps a limit of open units per person. Similar to AGLC rules. Just to prevent over consumption and disruption of families or those opposed to alcohol
- I support this.
- I don't feel safe.
- Its wrong. Drunks will probably burn the parks down. Holiganism will increase with it, and policing costs will rise and rise and rise to deal with it. Better to just have Cannabis in parks.

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- Yes it is a very bad idea as it is.
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- Dont allow it!
- no no no no no no liquor , absolutely not.
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- No concerns
- None
- People still need to be respectful of others also using the picnic area who choose not to consume alcohol.
- I think it is a terrible idea. Liquor is not necessary to have a fun time.
- No concerns, and I look forward to it!
- No, but it would be unenjoyable if people were loud and obnoxiously drunk.
- There are already drunk people in our parks, allowing the consumption of liquor would make that worse. There are few safe places for families to take their children, I want to maintain that.
- As long as the consumption of liquor is done responsibly it is reasonable to include the option for people to enjoy this with their picnic.
- I think that it's the mature and civilized thing to do. Most European countries do not restrict liquor like we do
- My only concern would be people abusing this privilege, which can happen at this time anyhow.
- No
- 90% of the time i'm in public parks I already see people drinking. this is already prevalent so why not just allow it. This is not something the government really needs to be controlling in my opinion.
- People will probably leave cans and bottles everywhere, convenient disposal receptacles will probably go long way to keeping things tidy
- The picnic sites can be difficult to get, especially on spontaneous trips to the park when the weather is nice. Designating larger areas would allow more Calgarians to follow the guideline and enjoy Calgary's parks.
- Why is this even a discussion. Do something productive in City Hall, like creating jobs, lowering rental housing.
- Strongly support this proposal. Disorderly conduct can still be addressed and would happen regardless of this kind of rule. Don't limit everyone because of a few people making bad decisions.
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- no
- I think it already happens
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- Keep it out of the parks

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- Yes, should not be allowed
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- I will not go Park's
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- If you start this it's gonna be more affect on the Business and downtown
- parks are for kids to enjoy in a safe environment with their families. Liquor goes against that safe and quiet enjoyment. Especially when kids are running around using the playground facilities, you can't always keep a direct eye on them
- Might need extra recycling containers due to increase in cans and bottles
- I would encourage reminding park-goers that public intoxication and impaired driving laws are still in effect and provide additional recycling/waste dispensers to avoid littering.
- I am opposed as indicated above
- Disorder and chaos will follow . It will be a very bad decision.
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- yes, many concerns. It's a slippery slope. How will you patrol it when someone drinks too much? Cannabis is supposed to be illegal to consume in public places and yet so many people are smoking it in public. The police won't be able to enforce it.
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- How would you monitor this?
- I would highly encourage parks and picnic sites to stay family friendly with no liquor tolerance
- Unsavory characters getting smashed in a family area
- Look at all those camp sites that get all destroyed by people who drink and do drugs and go wild
- I fully support alcohol being consumed responsibly in parks.
- Increase in recycle bins could be necessary.
- Allow it
- No.
- I'm all for it. It needs to be controlled. I do not want to see alcohol being consumed in just any park. It needs to be designated spots only.
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- As mentioned above.
- No, consumption in the parks happens either way. Allowing it to happen in designated sights will only make it more visible and less of a deviant activity
- No

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- Restrict alcohol consumption in parks.
- I am against liquor at parks!
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- It should not allowed in public parks.
- I find that people at Calgary events are already drunk and going in and out, why not just let them drink wherever. If there were issues before, it would be the same issues now. I don't find it could be any worse than a sports game level of issues
- Clean bathrooms must be available nearby
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- Excessive consumption by high school parties
- May lead to unruly behavior, however this only applies to certain people and already happens nears bars etc. all over town. I would be concerned about littering so I hope there would be sufficient garbage and recycling bins near every site.
- It's a good idea.
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- People drink in parks anyways and encouraging them to do it in normal way should encourage responsible behaviour. Obviously rules against disorderly conduct would still be maintained and could be used to manage any issues that could arise.
- This is a terrible idea.
- Liquor shouldn't allow at picnic spots it's not safe for community , children's etc . It will increase crime in our society
- No benefits, I see only issues with people drinking near kids and families resulting in bad behaviour and city overhead costs.
- Having liquor at a site would limit the number of my family would be able to use, because we would not want it near our family.
- No
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- Liquor consumption changes the behavior of people and tone of a function and this does not stay contained at a specific picnic site. It will affect the entire park.
- Please ask yourself if you want your children to go to parks when liquor consumption is allowed in picnic sites.
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- Not particularly.
- Allow major parks some freedom. Please research Tamtams in Montreal for reference. Allow event planners and business to schedule weekly events. This allows potential to diversify our economy. Maybe something will develop that can rival the stampede.
- No it you have to have food it's not going to turn into a drinking place
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- Concerned about increased litter and rowdiness/drunkenness
- Many concerns. There is already enough empty beer cans littering our streets and parks. Making it legal will only increase.
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- Police should check ID often. Allow cannabis too, why not eh?
- The sites might become saturated with the seedy crowd.
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- Yes I m very concerned about taking my kids to the parks and feeling safe in public places likes parks if alcohol consumption is allowed in parks.
- No
- A concern would be that drunk people are drunk so they can leave their liquor. Small children don't know, so they can drink it, or harm themselves or others
- It is better for people to drink at home where they won't disturb others nor will they be likely to drive home after drinking in a park.
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- Picnic sites are mainly utilized by families who deserve a safe space away from alcohol and drinkers. Drinking can cause people to be disorderly, erratic and unpredictable.
- I think people should be aware and not over do it. Bi law can always give tickets out to people that may abuse
- Damage society completely
- Parks are places regularly frequented by children. If liquor is allowed at parks, then why aren't minors allowed at bars?
- Alcohol is a problem as it is so please don't make consumption easier
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- Yes, when people drink they get very rude and they use bad language. Then after drinking they will drive from the parks drunk. Kids do not need to watch that behavior at the Parks.

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- I see no good coming out of consumption of liquor in a public place. Rowdy behavior from the drinking people. Rude behavior that children are unnecessarily exposed to. Damage to the park.
- Disturbing others.
- How would you prevent homeless people from drinking and passing out in public places?
- See question 2.
- Rowdy behaviour, more littering.
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- My major concerns are that it would increase taxes having to patrol the parks. There are lots of places people can drink, leave the parks as liquor free zones. Drunken behaviour should be left to private residences and bars, as some people lose their boun
- I think it is a good idea but it will take some trial and error to get it right
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- Only that it doesn't impede upon the good time had by others. do as you will as long as you harm none.
- Yes. People consume liquor can't be controlled outised the site.
- No
- Yes all of the concerns I have checked off!!
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- Please do not let this happen totally against for liquor in the park
- It will lead to problems and can be offensive to people.
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- Nope
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- I don't mind consumption in designated areas.
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- Liquor consumption is completely personal and should be done so at a private place not in public
- It should not be allowed
- No
- Only about potential disorderly behaviour.
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- I have traveld in Europe and Japan where drinking in public is common. These places have rules to deal with someone being drunk and disorderly. We have these same laws. Public drinking should be legal punish people who abuse it.

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- I think it is a bad idea - responsible people are probably already having a glass of wine discreetly while having a picnic, I think making it "legal" is asking for trouble
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- there will need to be increased security to ensure no underage drinking occurs, drunk driving or disorderly conduct.
- Yes see above answers
- Families and children often gather in parks and introducing alcohol into the parks will change things. There will be more drunks and obnoxious behavior and parents will have to be much more vigilant. Youth could be drawn to this type of negative activity.
- We are all adults and we are responsible for our behavior. No concerns
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- Is this a money grab?? Charge people to have alcohol at the sites to generate money and then spend twice as much on the clean up of the area, repair vandalism, more river rescue costs, and lose a huge chunk of the population that won't use the parks. Dumb
- Ensure proper receptacles, of course, dont make a big deal about it, and do something nice with the refundables money.
- Great idea
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- YES- inviting liquor consumption can lead to many problems. You listed several of them yourself in question #2. Additionally, people who consume liquor at the designated site are not limited to staying in the site once it's been consumed
- Just a bad idea all around
- It should be carefully monitored so the plug can be pulled on the project if it gets out of hand.
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- Not be safe.
- I feel like it would be hard to regulate. I can see people wanting to sneak it in as opposed to paying for a specific site.
- Model after European countries that allow liquor.
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- I think it should be allowed anywhere in a park.
- Trust citizens of Calgary to act responsibly, but be prepared to enforce rules around cleaning up the sites. As long as those expectations are set, I see no issues with this and think it would be a good initiative.
- Inappropriate

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- Stop punishing all people because a few could not behave themselves. Treat people like adults and allow them the right to consume liquor responsibly and take responsibility for their actions.
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- Increase number of recycling bins so there isn't associated littering. Could limit it to two drinks a person?
- Irresponsible people getting drunk in public. However that happens anyways. Most people would likely just enjoy a drink while enjoying the park itself.
- It is a great idea.
- I have selected my concerns already, it can be potential public nuisance and parks are meant for family recreation, the consumption will not be regulated and I see it doing more harm than good.
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- Alcohol consumption has led to untold tragedies, including death. The City should be discouraging drinking not encouraging it. People should drink at home and then stay there so as not to endanger anyone else.
- Over consumption leads to disturbances of others enjoyment, and given the amount of garbage found in some parks, I fear people will not clean up after themselves. Over consumption can lead to inappropriate behaviour.
- Need adequate collection for garbage and blue bins
- No concern. This is done around the world with no issues.
- IN addition to the items checked off in #2, I feel this is bad for business (bars, pubs, restaurants); the government should not support peoples' liquor dependence; shows Calgary in a poor light to conservative people and business thinking of living here.
- As long as the picnic areas are kept clean and sufficient picnic tables and trash bins are provided and maintained. These issues I see on 311 complaints and having for-profit contractors cutting costs and corners would be my concern.
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- I don't see any benefits other than some revenue to govts
- It's 2018. Allow open liquor with food like other major cities.
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- Disagree with alcohol in parks
- WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?
- Please do not do this. one last thing we need to worry is people driving and going crazy after party in parks. just not a place for it. they can drink at thier home or at bar. we have enough place for it. lets not add more to the problem

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- I feel that if we open up alcohol then we have to open up marijuana as well, both are not needed when out in public. There is no need to drink or have drugs to have fun, we would be sending mixed messages to children.
- I think it would be a great social experiment to try and out.
- Do you have any reasons marijuana should not be consumed in parks? If you do, they are the same reasons here. If one is out they are all out!
- I do not believe that there would be any additional issues than currently, as regardless of liquor if someone is going to be destructive it's going to occur if liquor is allowed or not
- No. Those rowdy folks already do it.
- This is a horrible idea. What's next, allowing heroin at parks?
- This occurs in a lot of other countries without concern. Not everyone wants to go to a bar for a social night out and we all don't have access to backyards and outdoor private spaces. Encourage people to use the city as their own backyard or living room
- I've seen what liquor has done at campgrounds that allowed liquor without restrictions...a brawl over a fire pit, screaming and yelling, a drunk threesome staggering through our campsite in the middle of the night, someone driving off in a rage.
- A blanket law banning product use just because of the risk of a minority "ruining it for everyone" isn't a good enough reason. Adults of-age should be free to consume alcohol in a responsible fashion as they choose.
- Parks are for everyone, including families, young children, etc., and liquor increases the likelihood of poor behavior, drunk driving home from the park, and kids accessing alcohol. If you have a group drinking, how can you monitor if teens are drinking?
- It should not be allowed.
- No it's the same as a bar. You can choose to consume alcohol, as long as you do so within the bound of the law, eg no drinking and driving, disorderly conduct etc it should be fine.
- No, I think not being able to consume liquor (but allowing other restricted consumption products like tobacco) makes us seem uncultured when compared to liquor consumption in Europe.
- Bad idea. There are many, many places that you can drink (home, bars, yard, etc.) but parks should not be one of them. Parks are a haven for families and those seeking solitude, and drinkers just don't mix into that equation.
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- no public drinking in the parks
- The consumption of liquor should be permitted in parks and other public places, with or without food, anyway; public intoxication laws should be strictly enforced regardless of where alcohol is consumed to prevent the social harms associated with drinking
- It is already happening. It would be great for Adults to enjoy the beautiful park and have a nice glass of wine.

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- It's likely happening already, so why not instill a small fee, make the City some more money, and encourage more Calgarians to enjoy the beautiful parks that we have in our city.
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- Nothing that can't happen from broken root beer bottles. Drunken and disruptive behaviour happens anyways in public spaces, those are people problems, not where i drink my liquor problems.
- No
- I really don't think it will cause any of the negative concerns that people are worried about, in fact I think it will instead encourage people to rise to the occasion and be responsible, knowing families with children and all backgrounds are present.
- Great idea, nice to see a movement away from Prohibition-type laws.
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- My biggest concern would be the responsible cleanup of empty bottles / cans.
- I recently read in the Calgary Herald the city's crime rate is high due to the economic downturn. I do not think our Police Department needs to be burden at a time when their daily duties are needed elsewhere.
- No. My concern is regarding reasoning for not allowing it. There are spots where people are allowed to smoke cannabis. I do not see the difference. Both products have similar age restrictions and effects.
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- None
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- Read my answers in #2 question
- None.
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- Let's not pussy foot around this, wasting money on committees and such. It's 2019, let's start acting like it
- Yes. Drunkenness would occur even if they said it wouldn't.
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- No.
- Increasing enforcement so those being rowdy and inappropriate can be dealt with. Offenders should be banned from future booking.
- I do it all the time and have never had any problems, i
- As a user of the parks, and a citizen who does not have a personal yard, I see great advantages to allowing liquor in Parks. This would provide additional options for hosting events. Children are around drinking in restaurants, why is this any different?
- These areas may need more attention from park and or police officials.

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- No
- It is a legal drug. Settle down big brother!!
- I believe it's happening now
- Zero
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- It's a bad idea - for so many reasons.
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- This has been allowed in Quebec for a long time and I thinking well overdue
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- No
- No
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- No concerns.
- None. People already drink in parks anyway, why punish them
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- Making sure there is an appropriate amount of recycling bins and garbage disposal to minimize environmental impact. Maybe signs saying not to litter.
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- Regulation of public consumption tends to impact already marginalized communities (POC, homeless, etc.) and allowing people a place to gather/drink that isn't a bar is a positive step re: inclusivity and improving flexibility of public spaces
- I think this would be a great thing for Calgary's public spaces! Please consider this change.
- Yes. There shouldn't be designated areas. Just let people consume responsibly in the park, wherever they would like.
- Yeah! This happens in places like Montreal and it creates an amazing sense of community - people LARPing, drum circles, frisbees, yoga.. everyone hanging outside together, making new friends, enjoying our short summers. DO IT!!!
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- See my response to Question 2.
- Parks might get more usage.
- There will always be the potential for this to be abused, but the individuals likely to abuse this privilege will likely consume in public regardless of the bilaws.
- I think its not good idea. some people who drink become more aggressive , why even go down that road
- I think it's a step in the right direction. One of the things that makes N.America a bit of a drag is the continued obsession with puritanical views. I think this is a step in the right direction, similar to the legalization of cannabis.

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- Public liquor consumption can be allowed if we educate people to behave properly. I am concerned that people clean up after themselves and not leave garbage and broken bottles and cigarette butts in the picnic area.
- None. It's about time.
- None.
- Why do we need MORE places to consume alcohol. I work at Chumir and am innundated with alcohol abuse and those who want to get off it and detox. Why do we need alcohol to enjoy the parks.
- There will always be people that abuse the system. Enforcement of underage drinking and littering would be a concern. People can't seem to clean up after their dogs, so I have concerns about beer cans and whatnot.
- More garbage and more public indecency.
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- The more you demonize or try to hide alcohol the more exciting it is to the youth. We should adopt a European attitude where alcohol can be consumed in public and doing so is nothing special.
- I just don't feel that it makes sense, public drunkenness is much more offensive than how people behave when they smoke marijuana
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- No
- Trash
- Normalize safe and responsible drinking.
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- Perhaps some peace officer presence every now and then during peak times would be beneficial to ensure proper conduct.
- Law enforcement. Most people will obey laws but many will take advantage and create issues due to perhaps underage drinking and overdrinking.
- Maybe try this at parks with good access to Transit
- I think it should be allowed in all parks at all times with no connection to food.
- After hours consumption and destruction of public property. But usually during operating hours people police themselves.
- Could cause issues in the downtown area
- None
- Litter but no more so than a concern for litter for sites without liquor allowance.
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- No
- I believe the alcohol should be time in all park like no drinking before 5pm so reserve time for children and their families

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- Been to Europe a few times. To see people enjoying. To take part. Noticing no one is "rowdy" or over doing it, always had made me wonder why it's not accepted here
- At first it might be a disaster - very rowdy, disrespectful behaviour etc. But once people get used to it they will settle down - in Germany it is common for students and families to have a beer on a sunny, summer day.
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- Cannabis should also be legislated for public consumption. All of these things are not different necessarily than cigarettes.
- Yes, law and order issues, children getting exposed, safety for all-the drunk and non-drunk.
- Drinking with food makes sense as then it will limit those abusing alcohol who then become disruptive to others and getting drunk like young adults and homeless people.
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- There are so many other places to legally drink, can we please have one place where there isn't alcohol allowed.
- No
- Nope other than drinking and driving
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- I am greatly concerned by the above question on paying to access a picnic site. This leaves many Calgarians out of the equation, including those marginalized. I would like to see greater inclusion coming out of the City's bylaws and policies.
- Not really. Some people may be concerned with rowdy behaviour, but that is an inherent risk with public drinking (no different than going to a restaurant/bar) and should be handled on an ad hoc basis without policing the pop. that can handle themselves.
- I have no concerns, I think it's a great idea!!
- People drink in parks anyways making consumption at parks allowed will allow for more responsible consumption
- My only concern is litter. So it would be important to have convenient recycling/trash receptacles.
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- Drinking and Driving a lovely way to entrap people for more money
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- Bad idea written all over it I've seen people's character change over a drink to negative
- Nope. Other than substance abuse. So security available at the touch of a button would be good
- Drunk/disorderly and regular alcohol prohibitions should of course apply. I would not want people to abuse this allowance in parks.

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- Its going to be difficult to contain it to the designated areas
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- I am concerned about the homeless community and those who already suffer from alcohol addiction. I am concerned more people will be found passed out in parks, or worse. Found deceased. I am also concerned at how many KIDS will end up drinking in parks.
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- Consumption will get out of hand, but it's not a great enough concern to deny everyone's ability to enjoy a cold one.
- Nope
- No
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- No
- people will get too roudy. and could drink and drive home
- We should of allowed this a long time ago
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- Have a Paris employee patrol the area to encourage responsible drinking
- No
- No
- Have more recycling and trash bins scattered throughout parks. And respectfully people should be allowed to have a beer by thr river. So the designation of picnic site needs to change
- Public intoxication is already a crime. People should be able to drink alcohol at a picnic. All issues that may arise would be covered by the public intoxication laws.
- No
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- It's already happening, there wouldn't be a huge change in behaviour overall (yes theres always the jerks who are unavoidable) but if it isn't made into a big deal then I dont see it as a problem
- No
- I think this is a great idea and would be awesome to Calgary's atmosphere you go bad
- No concerns but my comment is that the picnic sites in parks will be used more frequently if this is allowed. Which could in turn mean more bookings and more money put into keeping up the parks.
- Have numerous bins for empty beer cans and wine bottles that are emptied frequently.
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- No
- Nope.
- I think this is a good idea. I am glad for the opportunity to explore this.
- I feel like the people who chose to drink liquor at the parks know they're dos and don'ts. People are going to drink or find a way to drink in these parks anyways.

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- No. When alcohol is involved it is always up to the consumer to drink responsibly.
- I think as long as people are being responsible and not causing disorder or harrassing others than it will be great
- I would allow it, and if people get disruptive or unruly they can simply face the same fines as in other areas. All are adults and should behabe as such when in public.
- Proper recycling should be provided to prevent litter or more landfill waste
- I do have concerns with those who are opposed to this. What business is it of anyone else's if I want to have a drink? You regulate it just exactly the same as anything else...you punish those that abuse it. It's illegal to be drunk and rowdy in public.
- If liquor is disallowed in any areas then pot consumption needs to be as closely regualted
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- You should allow it. Thanks
- No. I think there are already laws in place to address drunk and disorderly conduct in public. Your pilot project is like sticking a pinky toe in the water. I would put your foot in, and then pull back if it feels too hot.
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- Other than littering no
- The only thing that may be a concern to me would be litter.
- No
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- maybe some generalised education about safe, healthy alcohol consumption, like one unit being safe, and more is carcinogenic
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- I'm glad to see The City considering this idea. I think there would be more benefit to going forward than there would be problems stemming from it.
- None that do not already occur
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- I've been to other countries where liquor is allowed and nothing out of the ordinary happened. Everyone was fine. Enjoyed themselves.
- There would need to be recycle bins readily available to avoid trash in the parks, and increased park maintainance/security to ensure the park is in working order and to make sure other patrons are safe and happy
- If we can normalize drinking in public people will drink responsibly and keep their behaviour in check. Similar to Europe.
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- Reasonable people already enjoy an alcohol beverage at picnic's and are discreet (solo cups). I don't think this policy will change anything. Clearly there are already social issues with a subset of the population drinking excessively in public/parks and
- Only if you have to pay for it, that would be silly.
- Why are we even thinking to make people pay money for some sites?
- I think people already drink at picnic sites so making it legal would allow for less "harassment" of those already drinking responsibly. There will always be those who ruin it, make sure the bylaw is clear on enforcement in this situation.
- Nope
- I will likely use the parks less if liquor is allowed in public.
- No
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- Over all I think it is a bad idea to be allowed to drink everywhere, alcohol creates problems. Loud, disruptive, aggressive, try stupid things and get hurt. I don't want to see loud, rude drunks ruining other people's time and safety
- None at all
- Only that there should be recycling bins on site and posted fines for not using them.
- Please consider bringing back the ability to enjoy an alcoholic beverage at softball fields.
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- Works all around the world why not here :)
- If we can drink, can we smoke weed too?
- People have common sense. Think it wouldn't be a problem just hand a littering fine if they leave the site untidy after
- I do not believe there should be designated picnic sites that allows liquor, people should be allowed to walk through any park in the city and consume liquor, as long as they are responsible.
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- Next will be legalize pot, I don't want to go on a nice walk and see people drinking and partying there is no way to control this
- it's flippin' 2019.
- Nope but if you can drink why cant you smoke cannabis?
- No, I feel the majority of people will respect the allowance of liquor and those that don't are the type to drink in a park anyways.
- Just add the recycling bins.
- The rule of only during a meal and must be sitting down is stupid. Enforcing that is unrealistic. Make it legal in any situation. Enforce people to become disorderly.

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- I do have concerns. It would have to be policed in some way to avoid disorderly behavior by some park users which would necessitate an increase in the budget. However, other cities, such as Montreal seem to manage it.
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- I have major concerns about drinking then river use. There are already too many people drinking on the river. I would be in favour of not allowing drinking at well known river access points (Bowness, Sandy Beach)
- I think it should be treated like drinking at a bar, you have to behave responsibly or you get kicked out. Same goes for a park. If people aren't drinking responsibly then they should be reprimanded
- Will there be an increased law enforcement presence? How separated from non-liquor sites would they theoretically be? Would there be enforced hours in which sites allow liquor consumption?
- No
- None. People do it now anyways
- I don't think it will stay at the picnic sites.
- Everyone's safety
- I'm hopeful that this proposal goes through, I think it is progressive and shows the maturity and confidence of our vibrant city.
- Having available recycling facilities would be important to help with any extra bottles and cans that would be there. As well, enforcement of park closing hours.
- No, as long as parties involved in the consumption are responsible parties.
- Littering just be managed. With more recycling bins and garbage bins
- No
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- If someone is going to consume alcohol at a picnic or park, they will do so whether it is allowed or not. Keeping it illegal at least forces those that will drink to do so discretely and in moderation.
- Stop raising adult infants by restricting basic freedoms.
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- My primary concern would be use by individuals with substance misuse challenges, particularly those who are experience or at risk of homelessness. I would want to ensure that enforcement could uphold standards that keep our parks safe and clean.
- no
- Nope.
- No
- Nope

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- I just don't think it's necessary to need to have access to alcohol at all times - You can do without booze for an afternoon / evening. This is going to lead to other issues like people wanting to allow smoking (tobacco/marijuana).
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- No. Ensure proper recycling containers are available.
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- Enforcement of cleaning up after yourselves (issue already)
- The concerns are for broken glass. Make sure there are strict rules with the packing out of the bottles.
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- Possible urination innoutside areas, but public toilets should be signposted throughout park, if not already.
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- It should be heavily policed at first, no hard liquor allowed, only wine and beer maybe coolers, with a phone number posted for people to report bad behavior. Also need plenty of recycling bins. Only alcohol in plastic or cans or growlers, NO GLASS
- no
- Knowing how many Calgarians leave pic ic sites in disarray and leave bottles & cans all over, there is a serious trash issue with this plan. Wasps are also a concern, as they are already a nuisance and open liquor would amplify the issue.
- No concerns
- I would advise limiting to beer and wine, which I believe is what Montreal does. Also I think allow at all picnic site will make it less likely that bad seeds will be able to get wasted and make a mess because there will be all types ppl enjoying the spac
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- No concerns. I think this is a great idea. If people are worried about over-consumption or impaired driving, other laws already prohibit public drunkenness and impaired driving. Where people can drink doesn't change how much they drink.
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- Increased homeless presence
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- No.
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- Don't charge us for it. Countries around the world allow it already.
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- Yes. This is a cash grab with the city looking to charge more money for picnic sites that should not have a charge in the first place. Bureaucrats at their finest.
- No
- I believe that it responsible drinking should be emphasized , similarly to a 'no your limits' campaign
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- I like the idea of separating alcohol and non alcohol picnic sites. That would make me more comfortable. Perhaps keeping items glass-free could help with risks of damage or injury if that is a concern.
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- I think it's a good idea in a controlled way. Ie designated parks
- No I do not have any comments or concerns
- Although it would be nice to have a glass of wine with a meal, I feel it would get out of hand with the younger crowd. How did they get there? Drive? Not a good mix. Are we promoting drinking and driving??
- No let's get with the modern age major cities
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- No
- No
- Let's do it
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- I understand but am unable to quantify the additional cost of additional monitoring of these sites that could be required.
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- This is common practice all over Europe; it doesn't cause an increase in drunk and disorderly conduct. There are idiots everywhere that will abuse privileges but responsible people shouldn't be restricted by the stupidity of others. It's about time!
- Why do we have draconian laws about consumption when we already have laws about being inebriated in public. Sipping a beer in public shouldn't be a crime.
- Some people will be idiots and abuse it...but those people are already idiots and the bylaw isn't stopping then now.
- Littering, just hoping people won't be lazy.
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- Just would want to make sure that there is recycling bins set up for any cans and maybe the profits from recycling those cans could go towards park upkeep
- People littering, people passing out in parks
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- Problem do it already, but discreetly so why allow it. So they can be belligerent while families try to enjoy a picnic.
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- Everything in moderation.
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- Just people being drunk idiots and leaving garbage around, trashing parks, acting dumb
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- Don't allow it.
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- If people are being responsible I don't see why not...
- No. I have every confidence in proper enforcement.
- Truthfully, I see drinking in parks everywhere as it is. Not always disruptive people, but good residents who play beer league baseball, or outdoor games like bocceball or lawn bowling.
- No
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- It's a horrible idea to allow a bunch of people to drink alcohol in a public area.
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- Nope
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- I would just increase the fines for littering and maintain patrol for disorderly conduct etc.
- Not really
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- no
- Yes. With CPS numbers as low as they are this would take more policing away from things they are already needed for. I think this would be bad for the homelessness population too.
- No
- I don't see it getting out of hand, people who show respect for the parks aren't going to forget to be respectful and tidy, or become negligent because they had a beer with their sandwich. Thanks!
- No concerns, make alcohol allowed anywhere in the park.
- No

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- Is that people will abuse the system. And that drunk people will be around children. And that there will need to be increased security or police presence. Which might pull on our system that's already pretty tight.
- I think doing a pilot study and then sharing the findings with the community would be interesting.
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- No. People will be more relaxed.
- Yes, many concerns as checked in question 2. Also, I think it would be a rule very difficult to enforce and it will open the door to misuse and abuse. It is also not needed, people can enjoy the city parks without consuming alcohol
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- No.
- Just wouldn't want to see big drunken parties. Light social drinking would be ok. Don't want public binge drinking.
- i think people that are going to get drunk out in public are going to do it regardless of the legality, but i could possibly imagine more people being loud and a touch disorderly.
- The current rules come from anachronistic puritanism.
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- No
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- We are years behind. This should already be a thing. And lets be honest- people do it anyways so lets align the rules with behaviour.
- Do you really count on "adults" behaving responsibly 100%?
- No
- No
- I am concerned that this isn't a "slam dunk" for the city. Other major cities allow public consumption of liquor in their parks. To imagine that no one drinks at a picnic site now is naive.
- No because people already do it regardless
- This is a very good idea
- There is no need to expand where people can drink alcohol. There are already plenty of places to drink, and too many issues with overconsumption.
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- If you are going to make it legal to drink in parks. You should make it legal to smoke pot in the same spots.
- Maybe make it a rule to have a cup instead of alcohol container
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- no
- As above.
- I really like this idea.
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- People taking advantage of it.
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- People drink in parks all the time already. If it is made legal, the city can enforce proper responsible consumption without having to criminalize people
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- Yes I do. It should be allowed literally everywhere. Not only in designated sites. I see no reason why open liquor should not be allowed in public. Addiction is more of socio-economic issue than a regulatory issue.
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- Not with the new impaired drinking laws.
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- When you rent out a specific site, are there explicit site boundaries? How far is too far to go for a walk with a beverage? It seems that there needs some added clarity surrounding definitions that impact this decision, unless the entire park is allowed
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- No concerns. Its allowed in most of europe and there arent really any issues.
- Litter, drunk and disorderly people, underage drinking. But honestly, the people who are going to be like that are going to be like that anyway. A bi-law isn't going to stop them.
- Disorderly conduct and unruly behaviour should still be intolerated
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- No
- Seems entirely reasonable! I would want disorderly behaviour to continue to be policed and parks to remain safe and family friendly, and I think that most people are responsible alcohol consumers.
- Interested to hear if there will be a pilot program to hire by law enforcement agents for this project
- I can imagine there might be more litter, so more disposal areas might be wise to implement. It's possible some areas may experience some increase noise.
- Lets be less strict and allow people more freedom and therefore more responsibility. Anywhere I have travelled to allows public consumption, and I have never seen any issues.
- I am worried about people be coming too intoxicated and the chance of children being exposed to it
- At first some enforcement/supervision to make sure all know the rules and they aren't abused. After that a call to 311 can deal with any issue that may arise.

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- No, I think people will moderate themselves. I doubt you'd see an increase in disruptive behaviour. Look at Europe, liquor allowed and rarely are there problems with public conduct.
- I think there should be an emphasis put on being respectful and also cleaning up your trash. Other than that not concerned.
- Let's do it! Many provinces in Canada already have lax laws on this. The point isn't to get drunk, it's to allow a responsible adult the right to have a drink or two.
- There needs to be enough waste and recycling resources so people aren't just littering.
- No, the rest of the world has managed this for decades, it's normal, acceptable and time to catch up Canada
- no.
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- Just do it!
- No
- No
- We already have public intoxication bylaws. Responsible adults shouldn't be punished for the actions of a few
- Keep greens green, no need to alter your reality when they are pretty darn nice to start with. Go home to drink/smoke!
- No
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- As above
- Garbage
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- I do not see an issue with being able to have a glass of wine or a beer, however people will take advantage of it. And to have a properly monitored, our taxes will go up to pay for the extra month monitoring from the city Police or wardens
- Only issue I see is some people getting too drunk but for the most part I think it's would be minor vs. The majority of responsible drinkers. Perhaps have address posted at park entrance so people can call cabs/Uber to the park. Allow cars to stay over
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- This is a no brainer. Riley Park would be great!
- This should not be a big deal and this should already be available
- I think like Cannabis this is already happening. Better to block bad behaviour rather than suspected source of that behaviour.

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- yeah, if you start charging ill still sneak my booze into parks. money hungry fools...
- As a parent who frequents parks with my children, I have concerns that picnic areas will be overrun with younger, single people looking for a new cheap place to drink, thus forcing families away and making it harder to get spots
- People who would consume liquor in parks already do, just like those who consumed cannabis before legalization did responsibly.
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- I see people drinking in public parks already eliminating a needless regulation seem like a positive step forward. Our tax dollars pay for these parks why not encourage more people to make use of our green spaces.
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- no
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- I think it should be allowed in city parks in general and not necessarily at a picnic site only. I would like to be able to bring a blanket and a cooler to the park and drink a beer while I play football soccer baseball etc.
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- No
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- no
- Please make it legal to smoke cannabis at them too
- It would be valuable for the City of Calgary to cooperate with the CPS in ensuring an effort to maintain a small police presence at parks. Even without alcohol consumption, this would increase the overall safety and security of these areas.
- Not at all.
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- No
- How will it be controlled?
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- Of course I don't mean allow everyone to drink as much as they want: set up a list of rules and guidelines. Maybe certain times only your permitted to drink, or more security who patrols once every x amount of time to ensure ppl are drinking responsibly
- I do not.
- garbage, wasps, broken glass, intoxicated people

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- I feel responsible adults will be grateful for this opportunity to enjoy themselves and with other Calgary citizens.
- No
- Garbage and loud music.
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- I think allowing
- The people who cause issues while drinking are going to do it whether or not it's allowed in picnic sites. Let responsible people enjoy a drink in the park with their hotdog without worrying about a fine. Just make sure there are lots of recycling bins.
- There are plenty of places to drink in Calgary. Parks should not be another one. Noise, trash, aggressive behavior, drunks on pathway, broken glass.
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- I think it's a fantastic idea. I believe that people who will be unruly are ALREADY being unruly whether it's legal or not. I think this is such a great idea!
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- Libel
- Great idea!
- None! Let's try it out.
- Recycling facilities would help deter littering. Need more 'patrolling'?
- Mostly just as long as people clean up the empties and having proper recycling programs there can use the money to go back into the parks care and maintenance yes some people are [removed] but I think people care about their parks
- Make sure homeless aren't loitering
- Allowing liquor puts park users at risk from drunk and disorderly people. There is no need for it. If people want to drink they can go elsewhere
- no
- No as most families go there there isn't much concern
- Make it legal to drink while riverside fishing first because that is absolutely ridiculous.
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- I will continue to enjoy a drink of wine or beer with my lunch in Edworthy & Glenmore parks. You can hire a hundred more bylaw officers and you will never bother me because I'M NOT A PROBLEM.
- Drinking alcohol in public is different than being drunk in public. This just makes sense. In fact, our prohibition era alcohol laws need overhauling in many areas. For instance, please consider how our "last call" system leads to security concerns.
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- I think it will be valuable to Calgary instead of a detriment. Those who break liquor laws are doing it already. Don't punish everyone else for their behaviour.
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- No. The people who will get overly intoxicated are already doing so. If people do get unruly from over intoxication police should be called and they should be charged with whatever charge police deem necessary as they do at this time.
- I'm totally against this. And families with kids will be against this. Our kids are already exposed to alcohol/drugs and this permission will make them think that it is ok to drink. If it wasn't mommy and daddy would forbid it. Unfortunately, parents does no
- Kids/child park should not be within 50 feet of the drinking going on
- No
- No
- The parks would appeal to more people and would be used more.
- It happens now anyway. What will change by making it legal at designated sites?
- Just make sure there are more recycling spots and it'll be great!
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- No
- No
- Not allowing alcohol in parks is a bit puritanical and is the result of nanny-state thinking. As stated above, this occurs in many places without major issues. People already do ths, just cautiously and surreptitiously.
- No concerns as there are numerous laws in place to deal with public intoxication, which is not the same as the consumption of alcohol in public.
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- Enough bins for the empties.
- I would only hope that people clean up after themselves.
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- yes, if this goes thru i will not be bringing my family to any outdoor parks that approve of drinking
- Do it.
- I'm concerned about police abuse of power. If they have the ability to demand breathalyzers without cause, would that lead to staking out sites, harassing picnic-ers, etc?

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- No concerns. I believe it would cause a lot less harm to the public than gets iterated by those against it. It will be like the legalization of marijuana, nothing has really changed. Same people smoke. Same people will continue to drink.
- Great idea. I hope this takes place. It's a smart initiative.
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- Mobile brewery trucks or 'food trucks' for alcohol would be a great addition to parks, concerts, events, etc.
- If you allow alcohol at certain sites in park, then this will become all parks, anywhere in parks.
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- There would unfortunately need to be more policing, because there are unfortunately people out there that will abuse the privilege
- Waste and Recycling facilities. But this is no different than handling waste from pop cans, for example.
- N/a
- Please do not allow drinking in parks.
- No, I believe you can drink. But there is still law about public intoxication. I am not worried but I'm sure some people will be made examples of.
- I would be concerned that there would be increased opportunity for public drunkenness and the adverse side effects of that. I hope this would be minimal.
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- Not really. The EU is a great example - people can take some beer or wine to the park and chill. I don't have concerns about drunken disorderliness - that is going to happen regardless and is likely a different group of people than those booking picnics
- No.
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- I don't agree with liquor at parks.
- It would be a novelty at first, but then it would be the norm shortly after.
- Not sure why the city wants to open the door to this liability
- No
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- Police enforcement. Can they search or detain you if drinking in these areas once legal?
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- I don't believe there should be any concern as long as the individuals taking part are choosing to enjoy responsibly, as they should.
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- Can we evolve to an adult community culture where we don't have to bubble wrap everything? Let's give people some rope, and if there are problems make the necessary adjustments. Most people though can be trusted to act responsibly.
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- There's so many other places for people to drink, we shouldn't allow parks to be one of them.
- I think the whole public consumption of alcohol needs a rethink and that there are already laws in place that discourage the behaviors we want to be rid of with these bans. Being drunk in public is punishable and so is driving. Let's enforce THOSE laws
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- It's about time we grew up as a society and realize that prohibition simply does not work. There are plenty of examples from the past and from countries around the world. Teaching minors responsible use once they become of age through example.
- If this liquor experiment is a segue to pot at picnic sites, it's a no-go also. Balconies & backyards for booze where drinking responsibly has its checks. Permit more cafes to serve beer & wine, where drinking responsibility also has its checks.
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- No concerns. Badly behaved drinkers are badly behaved no matter whether they can drink in the park or not (and those people probably are already!). Most of us are rational and civilized about it.
- Alcohol consumption should have been allowed in parks a long time ago.
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- The current laws in place have yet to stop a bulk of the public. Allowing people to drink in public would be saving tax dollars. It's not drinking in public that's a problem. It's being drunk buffoon that's a problem
- Any behavior some might use as a negative to liquor in parks already exists. A heavier police presence is needed regardless.

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- Please don't mess up picnic places
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- Don't allow liquor in any park.
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- Seems to work perfectly fine in European countries
- No
- None.
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- Disorderly behaviour, litter, and irresponsible drinking.
- Having enough recycling bins and garbage cans would be important. I would also worry about broken glass, perhaps a restriction for cans or use of plastic cups would help.
- Not at all.
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- No
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- People are currently breaking rules to drink in parks. Creating rules around consumption will allow people who respect the rules to enjoy alcoholic beverages in our parks.
- Violence, disorderly conduct, drunk driving... None of these things are anything I would want my kids exposed to, if there were public drinking aloud at public picnic sites I would have to stop using the parks as it would no longer be family friendly
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- Cannabis should be also allowed if this goes through
- I feel I've outlined most of my major concerns in the previous questions.
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- Liquor consumption should be legalized in all public parks and spaces in the future.
- I dont like the sound of it at all
- no
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- Let us all enjoy
- I think it's a great idea! Time to stop being so controlling
- I fear people will be careless about it when it comes to cleaning up after themselves. Drinking and driving is a concern also
- No

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- There may be some worry of increased disorderly behaviour, but honestly, I think the people who would likely be disruptive are probably inclined to drink in public regardless of whether it is permitted. They likely sneak liquor into their picnic already
- Main concern is debris more than behaviour...
- Too much drinking culture in Calgary already. Parks are good as sober areas of refuge from the drunk yahoos.
- No
- No. Calgaryans are mostly civilized people. The uncivilized ones already drink in the parks anyway.
- no, there is already laws against public intoxication if people abuse it
- It couldn't come early enough.
- No
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- No, I do not think younger people of legal age will use this as an excuse to party, as they will still face repetition of they do. Responsible adults should be able to have this freedom as long as they stay responsible.
- We should be treated like responsible adults! Please look at case studies where this is allowed in other cities (Barcelona for example) and how it contributes to a more vibrant and free city.
- What you drink is not relevant as long as you have ID and are of legal age and can behave yourself. People sneaking, drinking too much/too fast so they don't get caught with it, and then try to stay out of trouble when confronted is a problem.
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- Pure [removed]
- I think it should be allowed. It is "impossible" to police marijuana consumption so we should not have a double standard for other Substances. Plus we have better uses for our police than open container tickets at summer parks.
- It's already happening. No need for more red tape.
- None. Let people police them selves and if it get out of hand, there is always 911.
- Just worried some homeless people would ruin it for everybody
- There will always be a chance of some people ruining it for other people, but on a whole most people will drink responsibly and not want to ruin this opportunity.
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- Heck yes! Calgary is such a forward-thinking city, and I love that we are considering such a step forward.
- No
- I strongly believe that the public shouldn't be punished for the off-chance that some irresponsible drinking will occur. The majority of people respect our city and children, and should be allowed to drink if desired.

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- My family does consume alcohol responsibly. I have no concerns.
- I don't feel that there should be a law requiring you also be eating. What about a glass of wine while reading a book? I also feel that restricting it to signed picnic sites is silly. Let adults have a beer in the park! It works all over Europe
- No
- Homeless people finding a loop hole to drink at, people abusing the rules and over drinking on PUBLIC property. Kids being exposed to alcoholism culture, alcoholics being tested everywhere they go. This wrong on so many levels.
- City peace or bylaw officers should be more frequently present in locations that are going to allow the consumption of alcohol to ensure the safety and comfort of all occupants, especially families with young children.
- Just make disposal easy around the site so there's no litter
- Ensure that there are sufficient recyclable bins for trash. The homeless population will also take care of bottle refuse concerns. A concern would be a disobedience of the noise bylaw - additional police resources may be required to tend to these matters
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- No
- No concerns, if it gets out of hand the cops will come as they always have.
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- Drink At home not where my child rides by. Alcohol is a drug. Why encourage it
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- The only risk I can think of would be littering. Recycling could be encouraged with an increase in bin concentration across parks. Other than that, I appreciate the initiative the City is taking on this subject.
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- is there not enough bars and places to drink now ?????
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- Only concerns are regarding litter and improper clean-up
- Please do not enact this.
- I feel like this is a long overdue change
- I dont want my children around inebriated people
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- Public transit needs to be better before this happens. Also, if booze gets a pass, so should cannabis
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- No
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- Most people are responsible in there drinking in public places. Those that are not are already doing it regardless of the law. Changing it to be allowed is not going to have an increased use of Bev-etoh abuse in public.
- Do not see any benefit to alcohol consumption in a public park.
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- Security concerns, disorderly behaviour
- This is a safety risk just waiting to happen. Who ever though this idea was good enough to be put to a public vote should be fired.
- Please do not do it, opens the gate for a lot more problems
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- Realistically, people are already drinking in all parks and picnic sites while being illegal. The illegality of public drinking in parks unfairly targets people suffering from homelessness.
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- None, those who cause issues with alcohol consumption and violent or wreckless behaviour already do so as they don't respect the law. The change would allow law abiding adults the choice to consume alcohol in a casual outdoor space.
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- Not really as long as people are being responsible. Maybe a taxi phone in big parks to get a safe ride home
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- It's so incredibly unnecessary. It's nice to have somewhere to go that doesn't have alcohol.
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- Hold your liquor appropriately, keep your party safe and quiet and do not expose your consumption to kids under the legal drinking age. Be conservative and respectful.
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- No
- No
- If the public consumption of cannabis in all its forms, including the odorless ones, is banned due to "behaviours and conduct that may have a negative impact on the enjoyment of public places", then alcohol should not be permitted either.
- Don't do it

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- Extra garbage
- It is a great idea, no major concerns about it. Calgary police should continue to monitor picnic areas, as it does now.
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- Would it be patrolled and would the person making the booking have to say that they are over 18?
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- No
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- No further comments
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- I think this is a great idea. I've seen it in Vancouver and never seen anything go wrong.
- Stupidest idea since nenshi was voted mayor, idiot of the year
- Restricting liquor only makes people hide it, allowing liquor allows people to relax in parks
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- No I do not. Just like when we legalized weed, people aren't walking around high. People won't walk around drunk. No concerns.
- No
- The rest of the world allows it and somehow function well
- Yes ... See answer to question number four!
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- It's about time this is being proposed. Responsible liquor consumption is not a crime.
- Waste (cans, bottles)
- I would welcome liquor at designated picnic sites, but, do worry about excessive drinking and resulting behaviors. . . I assume it would be like managing liquor in public campgrounds.
- Waste (bottles, cans etc)
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- Later in the evenings, bylaw should patrol parks as they already do. This is more likely when rowdy behavior will occur. Parks close down before behavior gets out of hand too late in the evenings anyway
- Not prohibited in water areas

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- Liquor in public places will encourage an unhealthy acceptance of alcohol consumption, and especially tempt individuals to drink and drive. Bars tend to have taxi's waiting outside, what can parks do? Especially regarding vehicles such as golf carts?
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- I wouldn't want homeless people to take over these spaces.
- This would be enjoyable for picnics
- I am worried about people over-consuming alcohol, and not being responsible consumers of alcohol, but lots of people will also drink responsibly.
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- Just people abusing the liberty. I think as long as people don't drink in excess and enjoy responsibly it will be great.
- No other comments.
- C'mon. We already know there will be problems. Picnics are places where EVERYONE should be able to have fun. Drinking means a different kind of fun.
- No
- do not agree for the safety of the users, in particular the women and children. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.
- Pls dont allow it pls keep our children safe leave some place for kids to play
- I think this would help make our city more civilized and enjoyable for visitors. Likely the downsides associated with drinking would not increase, as those who imbibe and get into trouble will do so regardless. But the vast majority can enjoy responsibly
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- No
- No need to nclude liquor in a picnic site. Added costs to police, regulate and nothing stopping homeless from drinking in these picnic spots if allowed preventing families from enjoying and neighboring picnic sites dealing with drunk or rowdy picnic peopl
- I feel only beer or wine should be allowed. I am concerned about people not respecting the park or other people
- Not enough places to dispose of cans/bottles.
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- Yes. Several.
- There might be some bozo who ruins it for everyone, but most people would be responsible.
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- I don't think the public as a whole are responsible enough sadly

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- There are plenty of other cities and countries that allow public drinking that have no major repercussions. Of necessary, public intoxication and disorderly behaviour should still be persecuted as in any bar.
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- Come on already. Can people have one place that we can take our kids with out everyone either pissed, high or sucking back a cigarette?!? Is this all we have become?
- None. If someone is an annoying asshat, sure, call the cops and drag/ticket his disorderly ass. Doesn't mean everybody else should suffer dumb restrictions.
- We need to join other progressive cities in recognizing the true issue at hand which is not legality behind drinking in public parks.
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- I would liken it to being at a campground. Consume alcohol responsibly, if you are harassing people or causing damage to property then CPS or bylaw should be called. No major concerns outside of that.
- If you're going to allow this, charge for a license to offset the increased policing that will be required.
- Already likely happening should become legal
- Don't do it
- It's a great idea.
- I think it's a great idea! Montreal allows alcohol consumption (with food) in public parks and it is wonderful.
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- So long as it is in a designated location with clear posting of rules and high visibility to the public, consumption and behaviour will be mostly self-regulated.
- There are plenty of places for people to consume liquor and a public park enjoyed by many families is not one of them. Nothing good will come of this, but it will create many problems. Keep the drinking to licenced, controlled facilities.
- Nope
- No
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- There are plenty of spaces available in the city for drinking. Patio season is a thing. Drinking at parks is just unnecessary that'll be abused.
- Yes. People will abuse it
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- I strongly believe it will be a disaster for the whole city if the project is given a go head.

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- Consumption of liquor at picnic sites must be closely monitored to ensure that people are drinking within the designated area and that they do not take their liquor outside of that area (ex. Into the woods, down the river, etc)
- Not really
- What happens when I run out of beer?
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- People may get carried away but honestly it's hard to predict this and there's nothing that can be done to prevent it. It happens anyways already.
- It will be a shame if our picnic sites which are out in nature resemble patrons leaving a bar. Loud inappropriate language, smoking, and urinating behind a bush could become problematic. Must have strong enforcement of rules if allowed.
- People are going to do it anyway, might as well offer some sensible rules
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- Garbage and recycling needs to be maintained
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- Not happening fast enough.
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- About time
- it should be legal for adults to consume small amounts of alcohol in any public place
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- No
- The greatest concern is drinking and driving. This is a highly possible and frequent problem that will occur when Liquor is involved. Perhaps there might be some sort of regulation that will combat these concerns. However, somethings are bound to happen.
- Yes lots of concern, liquor should be consumed in a organized contained spaces such as restaurants, bars or their own home. Not a place where people can run wild under the influence, it is an irresponsible idea, will there be police 2ensure good behavior?
- Unless the City is going to patrol every park, every day, and enforce behaviour, then the people who pay the price are the ones the drinkers bother. Alcohol has too much control over this city as it is. It embarrassing.
- No. The laws related to being drunk in public are the same everywhere
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- I think it's a great idea. European parks have this ability and it's great!
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- There will be those who abuse this as a means for getting drunk. But most of us would like to have a drink or two with friends in the open Without feeling like the act of consumption itself is a crime. And that lends itself to healthier relationship w it.
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- I think It's a good idea
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- No- it's insane that we don't allow it
- It's a bad idea. There are enough issues without adding public drinking.
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- The current bylaw is well thought out. Don't fix what is not broken. The extra revenue in "fees" will not be enough to pay for the police time. Just like the Pot shops have police frequently showing up taking police time away from serious crime preventn
- not a good idea along with cannabis use
- No
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- I think it's a good idea! The option is available in other places like Europe and it doesn't seem to cause an option issue there
- I think it would be great and am all for it!
- This would be a great thing for Calgary.
- Let people have fun
- yes no hobos, no junkies, no [removed], just real working people
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- Just desired locations or designated areas , increased supports to monitor unruly behavior
- Don't allow drunk and disorderly behavior.
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- If we could be treated like humans instead of sheep there is a chance this could work. I suspect by these questions you will only pick certain parks (the big ones) and you will charge... good job Calgary you failed again
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- It is happening now anyway by the bold it is only the law abiding that are being penalized by banning it.
- People damaging spaces or not bring respectful.
- Time to loosen the rules and let individuals decide when and how they want to consume alcohol
- A phone number people can call if there is irresponsible use of alcohol should be advertised. That way people feel "safe"
- My concern falls under the new federal mandatory blow test. Is allowing liquor setting the public up for failure.
- How would sites be regulated or maintained (cleanliness) ? Or how would sites have security set up in case of any problems that could happen (fights etc.)
- no concern for now
- I am strongly in favor of this idea. It is something I would definitely use and it would be a great way for my family and I to enjoy our city's parks.
- I think that we should allow liquor not just at designated picnic sites.
- No
- While some may be able to responsibly use this privilege, my concern is that there will be some who abuse it and it is not worth the resources to ensure it does not become a problem.
- Safety
- There's a difference between people laughing out loud, showing signs of having a good time VS. people displaying unruly or disrespectful behaviour. I'm concerned that authorities (security or police) may view it as one & the same, make unnecessary arrests
- There will initially be some people who over indulge AND some overly sensitive people. Once consumption becomes the norm, people will be more accepting. This is very similar to campgrounds.
- No
- Increase in alcohol consumption at picnic sites by vagabonds, rather than those who booked the picnic tables
- Restrict it to a single bottle of wine so people don't become unruly
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- I think that we as Canadians can be trusted to use best judgement in the respectful consumption of alcohol at these sites. Other nations have similar policies in place, so there is no reason why we should not be able to follow suit.
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- There would need to be more police/peace officer presence to discourage antisocial behaviour
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- I hope this pilot is successful and that further restrictions around public consumption are lifted
- I think it's a great idea and would like to see a trial run happen.
- Dont do it. There are enough places to consume liquor already. And sure as hell dont relax rules because of cannabis!!
- Allow those who use the area do what they want to do. If that means a glass of wine with a picnic, where is the harm in that?
- I have serious concerns regarding this issue. We are already facing accidents due to people drinking and driving and the incidents are on rise in our adolescent and youth. This is going to negatively impact the situation and put our kids at danger.
- none
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- I think it's a great idea
- Please treat your community like the responsible citizens that we are.
- My only concern would be abuse, but existing laws/rules about disorderly conduct should cover that, and would need to be enforced.
- I have no concerns. Allowing for responsible alcohol consumption in public parks will be beneficial to building community spirit and treats our citizens as responsible adults. This is a great opportunity and it should be supported.
- Liquor is consumed in public around the world and this level of concern over it seems unwarranted.
- How would you prevent people from abusing the system and become overly intoxicated?
- Please keep picnic place as picnic place, don't turn into bars
- I am strongly against this initiative. I enjoy having a drink in my backyard in the summer - I am not against consumption of alcohol. My concerns are due to public safety, increased cost, increased vandalism and removal of my right to a peaceful enjoyment
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- Yes I creating further problems for a police force that is already strained.
- I just think that this is a good idea and people dont need to hide anymore .
- There will always be a risk allowing liquor in any public space, but why prosecute the innocent to prevent the quilts few.
- Bbq's are thought of as wholesale family events and there is alcohol consumption there. This law is not for the alcoholics getting drunk in parks, there going to do this regardless of law. This is for families and friend groups to feel less limited.
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- Don't exclude it to picnic areas and allow it for all parks. Also set up refreshment carts in the summer time so you can also make money.
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- It should not be allowed at picnic sites. Period. Please let kids enjoy at the parks and picnics, without the risk of any bad experience just because someone got high. Its a really really bad idea.
- Don't allow glass if possible. Doesn't seem logically possible to prevent it but broken glass in a park would really ruin the park.
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- None.
- If this happens i hope to see an increase in bylaw to ensure that people are acting responsibly.
- I am all for it but they have to be not drunk or out of control with consuming liquor
- I would be afraid of the few ruining it for the more. I would be afraid of more violence,harassment of women, and drinking drivers arriving to and leaving the area. Parks are for everyone- many drunk people turn selfish/inconsiderate.
- There would need to be more disposal bins around given how lazy People are about disposing of their trash.
- Honestly, just because the site is designated for liquor consumption, it doesn't mean that those who are consuming the alcohol will STAY on their designated site, once they inebriated. I don't think you can guarantee that.
- No half measures. Change the by-laws to allow responsible liquor consumption in parks. Defining the boundary of a picic site leads to uncertainty, as does the food caveat (if I finish my food can I still have a beverage?). Common sense approach not rules.
- This is a forward thinking venture that Calgary is embarking on. Being someone who grew up in Europe, I've seen how something like allowing it's people to consume in public is not a bad thing, it's actually a good thing to allow them the freedom to do so.
- I do think that some people would not follow rules and you would have to worry about drinking and driving.
- Drinking already occurs, hidden and usually subtle. No need to spend \$ on the required enforcement and complaints this will generate.
- No concerns, people do it anyway. Make sure there is recycling containers near by.
- I think it is better if we talk how to make our beautiful park more beautiful so family and children can enjoy
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- No
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- My only concern would be for the people who would abuse this, and how offenders may be handled.
- Yes, I do not feel that it should be consumed outdoors in park areas.
- No. Most people are mature and would appreciate the option to responsibly enjoy a beverage with friends outside, legally! This idea gives the city the opportunity to make our parks safer as liquor in parks can be regulated by bylaws and guidelines.

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- If people cannot go few hrs without having a drink , they have serious issues . People in general especially children do not need to be witness to this type of behavior .
- Mostly behaviour around children. It is why we don't go to Stamps games. I would hate to have people really drunk and diaordrly at parks.
- If and when this passes through council and it is legal to consume liquor in parks, it will be exactly like the legalization of cannabis - those that do it already will continue to do it, and those that don't will likely not participate.
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- It works just fine in Europe. Yes, some idiots will get hammered and make a mess in the park, but once the novelty of park-drinking wears off (shouldn't take much), it seems likely that the parks will be more vibrant, if anything.
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- Potential issues aren't due to consumption on site. Drinking & driving, being drunk & disorderly, and providing to minors would all still be illegal. All these can occur already, and responsible adults can have a drink in the park without them arising.
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- I think this whole thing is long overdue
- I dont want this to happen.
- As long as people aren't idiots about it, this is fine
- No
- There should be nearby recycling bins to reduce litter
- I don't understand what is the reason behind this, as liquor consumption is already BAN on public places why govt want to allow liquor on picnic places such a stupid idea definitely some genius behind this idea
- Not really - I think that people who would drink to excess and cause a disturbance are going to do so whether public drinking is legal or not.
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- only at a few places and at designated times only. e.g after 6 pm on week days and after 2.00 PM on weekends and holidays.
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- I believe that people know the law, the limits and the enforcement to be responsible for their behavior.
- This is a good idea. I am in favour of a society with safe, sane and reasonable drinking laws.
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- Let's grow up as a society and not demonize responsible consumption. This should not be a big deal.
- It is important to build a culture of responsible use of the shared facilities. If people eat or drink in the park I'd love to see the normalized behaviour to be cleaning up after yourself. Liquor consumption just extends the same premise.
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- No
- It's 2019... Europe allows public consumption of alcohol with limited problems. Public intoxication is going to happen regardless.
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- I don't think this pilot will go well, but I hope that doesn't dissuade people from believe that a community can't exist with public drinking (different from public intoxication). Hiding sex/drugs/alcohol from children until they discover it is worse.
- Monitoring of the sites would be beneficial to help prevent vandalism.
- The park will have to be policed constantly to ensure the drinkers are not going to walk around intoxicated or take liquor to other parts of the park. Again this will burden taxpayers for additional policing costs.
- Yes please do not allow it just because a few want it.
- People might be less inclined to clean up after themselves after drinking, and leave more trash, particularly glass bottles which can break.
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- No, people are already doing it anyway so pretend it's not? This would just remove the penalties. Simply ban glass bottles. Many world class cities allow this and CALGARY, also being a world class city should also allow this.
- Policing of area is necessary to control the abusers.
- Just get on with it and stop wasting time. See above - # 3 as well.
- I think it's a great idea, it would be safer than sneaking it or trying to drink it before you arrive and may decrease the amount of drugs people do at those sites.
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- Yeah, make sure that you dedicate more officer of the law to parks to make sure idiots don't ruin a good thing for everyone.
- I think the majority of people will be respectful about consumption and not make it a big, unruly party. My concern with consumption is the alcohol (and illicit drug) consumption already happening in less popular parks such as the one by Max Bell Arena
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- No

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- Honestly, not really. I feel like, with some of our friends, liquor is already consumed discreetly BUT RESPONSIBLY in parks. I don't foresee a large change for law abiding citizens. My concern would be drinking and driving, esp given the new regulations.
- why not allow it at ball diamonds as well
- There will always be abusers who will over imbibe and potentially ruin the experience for others in the same vicinity. Unfortunately this may require additional resources to enforce regulations / laws / by-laws.
- Like weed before it was legalized, people are already doing it in these parks
- No
- The accessibility to alcohol for recovering or struggling alcoholics, underage drinking
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- No
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- N/A
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- I have minor concerns about unruly or drunken behaviour, although I'm not sure if there would be an increase in people who are drunk in public from now.
- No should be good
- Concerns: already people are sneaking liquor into parks and sometimes that is problematic due to obnoxious/louder/boisterous behaviour that disturbs the peaceful enjoyment of the park. Try just one weekend a month, not a long weekend, all summer.
- No. It would be nice to just have the option.
- No
- I really hope this goes ahead. People can police themselves for bad behavior.
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- Do it. There will not be an apocalypse - look to other countries to show people society won't collapse. Vagrants drinking in parks will exist regardless of the law, what the current law does is penalize everyday citizens.
- Ensure there's no drinking and driving or driving or similar activities. Police presence/availability for busier days (e.g., holidays).
- This will likely not be successful because of over-regulating.
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- YES!!!! This is ridiculous. People do not need liquor at a picnic. If not being able to have liquor at a picnic is an issue, then maybe they have a problem.

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- I am disappointed this is being considered. My family has stopped attending Canada day celebrations around the city for this very reason. Drunks and smokers (including cannabis) bothered our daughters and caused safety and health concerns for asthma.
- Govern yourself accordingly
- Message/communication stating how abusing this facility to have liquor will only lead to losing it should be clearly stated.
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- Fine the users who abuse the privilege & litter at picnic sites.
- It is Not Necessary. This is just a ploy to achieve the city's ultimate goal to legalise the use of cannabis in city parks and other property's
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- No
- It's not necessary
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- Everyone tolerance of how much liquor they can consume differs and effects their behavior. It can increase the amount of people on the road, that have more blood alcohol, including families with their children.
- bad idea to consume liquor in public area
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- Alcohol has become so damaging in many of my friends lives. I do not think it's acceptable to bring this into a public and family outdoor space.
- Who is going to monitor and enforce the regulations?
- Watch the public intoxication rates skyrocket. Not cool.
- This appears to bring only negative impacts with no positive benefits. Why increase the public's exposure to obnoxious drunk behaviours and bottles, cans and garbage left when just trying to have a picnic.
- i think a lot of people drink in parks regardless. having designated sites would contain the drinking and allow people to do it openly among themselves
- I have no idea how anyone could think this is a good idea! Or why a person could not go to a park without drinking
- I think it would be great for summer gatherings and would actually reduce crime as people won't be sneaking around.
- A lot of music festivals allow alcohol as long as it's not in a glass bottle. Mistakes happen and things break. Learn from their experiences.
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- The problem isn't the act itself of consuming liquor at a park, but the people who abuse liquor [no matter where the place]. People get wasted at a hockey game and then stumble out into the streets.
- yes, the trash and broken bottles will be left everywhere. children and dogs will be hurt by the broken glass
- If allowed, it would be good to ensure adequate recycling facilities and potentially some 'drink responsibly signs'
- Please keep alcohol out of our public parks. That is what bar patios are for.
- I think the amount of allowable alcohol should be strictly defined (ex. how many standard drinks per person) and agree that it must be consumed with food.
- Within certain hours only.
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- Concerns are mostly to do with overconsumption which can happen anywhere I suppose. We may see an increase at first but to see results we would have to wait until rules and regulations settle in
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- I lived in Australia 25 years ago and we could have a glass of wine with a picnic lunch in any part of any public park. There were no problems with inappropriate behavior. It was such a nice addition to the picnic!
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- It will only cause more issues. Will not be able to enjoy the parks
- I think it's ones private matter to drink and it should be at homes not at public places . Drink and driving is big factor for law and now you are making another disaster by park and drink
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- Unregulated safety issues and the potential for misuse or consumption by minors or people already under the influence.
- No concerns. If anything I think it reduces the issue of liquor consumption in public spaces because it's regulated. Also this concept has worked without major incident in cities all over the world.
- I have traveled a fair bit in Europe where responsible public consumption is quite common. I find this adds significantly to the quality of life in general and would improve our society and become a little more free, without always having to pay a fee...
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- Ridiculous idea. Sounds like a risk generator, a revenue generator for the city, an unnecessary additional burden to the police service, and an irresponsible stewardship of public green space. Please stop wasting resources on investigating this idea.
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- Alcohol consumption should be allowed in all public spaces. Considering it in picnic sites only is a cowardly half-measure. Better than nothing, but still embarrassing.
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- Our liquor laws are some of the most out dated on the planet.. seriously, we have legal weed, but liquor laws like it's 1941. Our government is so [removed] useless.
- Nope. It's a great idea, and the aggressive drunks that all of the Helen Lovejoys are wringing their hands over are going to be obnoxious drunks regardless of this change.
- Not concerned about drinking, but always littering.
- Always the 0.1% that will ruin it for others but that 0.1% is going to be drinking anyways regardless its legal or not
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- Just leave liquor out of the parks. Lots of other places to drink if that's what you want to do.
- People can't handle that kind of freedom. It's going to create a mess and more violence.
- It should be parked as long as the sun is up. Antisocial drinkers are already doing it with scant regard to the law. Enforcement against drinkers causing problems should take priority.
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- allow this and dont [removed] this up
- I am surprised liquor consumption at city owned public parks is being discussed as it has no public benefits. It reminds me of the marijuana consumption areas that were proposed recently...
- It's about time the city legalized this activity. Much of the world operates without open liquor laws. Its time Calgary adopted this progressive mentality
- As long as there are receptacles nearby for disposal / recycling of bottles and cans, then no. The idea that more people will get drunk at parks has a small amount of merit until you consider that this problem exists without legalizing the behavior.
- Blanket bans have not been effective in controlling alcohol. Put resources towards controlling noise, littering & vandalism.
- If it's allowed we need to have recycling facilities close by.
- Drunk people can be annoying. Some litter, destroy things, are loud, etc. There would need to be some enforcement in place to ensure people are still behaving in an orderly fashion.
- Lets get some parity among vice laws in this city, if you're allowed to smoke a cigarette why can't you also drink an alcoholic beverage or consume a cannabis product?
- this should not have been a problem in the first place. current laws on the books already prohibit public intoxication, drinking and driving etc. Just because we can now consume drinks outside doesnt mean those lose anymore weight.

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- Bad idea
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- None.
- Maybe only wine and beer
- No
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- I would hope that there would be accessible and reasonable transit solutions to get home so that there are not people drinking and driving.
- As long as rules prevent disorderly conduct and excessive garbage I think it will be ok
- No concerns as long as public drunkenness was still not tolerated.
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- It should be all parks not just picnic sites
- Good idea.
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- glass could be a problem
- My only comment would be on recycling but we already drink non-alcoholic beverages so that's not really a concern.
- No
- Need more recycling bins.
- No.
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- Nope
- It is the job of the police to curb public drunkenness. Treat the people of Calgary like the responsible adults they are.
- People who normally cause problems by being drunk in public are already drinking in public regardless of the law
- None
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- Sites should be limited and clearly demarcated. Sites should be away from playgrounds. As some individuals are not comfortable with liquor consumption, their rights to utilize park picnic sites should be considered.
- None
- Think of the already overworked bylaw and enforcement officers. Increasing venues to publicly drink will increase response and enforcement needs.
- none
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- no
- People need to properly dispose of their bottles/garbage. There may also be an increase in bottle pickers in these parks.
- most modern cities allow drinking in public.
- The rest of the world seems able to enjoy wine or a beer with a picnic, as long as one is not disorderly or driving, then it should not be an issue.
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- Having adequate receptacles for garbage, and nearby bathrooms, this idea could work
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- No
- Allowed in many locations around the world, time we get into this century.
- I think that consumption of alcohol should be legal everywhere, like in Japan, Ave I hope this is the first step towards that.
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- Laws exist to deal with the social problems associated with drinking (drunk driving, public drunkenness, etc.). Enforce them. If people are offended that other people have different interests than them, that is the price of living in a free society.
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- Just d
- Don't allow it. Unfortunately there are always people who can't drink responsibly and this is a disaster waiting to happen.
- No.
- I'm glad this was tabled. It's long bothered me.
- Bringing up the discussion about cannabis allowance should be first. Not alcohol consumption.
- garbage would be a concern, maybe open recycling bins so homeless could get the empties.
- Why just picnic sites? Why can't I sit by the river and have a beer legally. Quit micromanaging every little thing in our lives
- People who don't like should act autonomously and look away or go elsewhere
- non what so ever
- No
- This works elsewhere in the world so no reason why it can't in Calgary
- Cannabis should be allowed as well, if it is not near a playground. There are few options for people who live in buildings where it is banned and this would cut down on illegal consumption in vehicles and other prohibited spaces

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- Even if you decide to keep it illegal people will drink in parks regardless. Liquor doesn't need to hide in the shadows and in fact a more open attitude surrounding it can help educate minors about reasonable and safe alcohol consumption
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- Litter
- not needed at this time.
- No I've seen it work first hand in other country's I think it a positive thing.
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- No concerns whatsoever. Make it allowable everywhere.
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- No
- It could be a good idea to set up a limit of drinks per user to avoid overconsumption.
- Great idea!
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- Might be a need for more enforcement to avoid public intoxication.
- No concerns.
- No
- Entirely positive
- Yes. Anyone could bring a sandwich along with 24 beer and say they have food in compliance with the regulations. More policing would be needed and therefore more cost. If you do this, then there MUST be a high user fee to cover the policing.
- Legalize this, folk will be smoking pot, whether you want them to or not, alcohol deserves the same. As long as no one is being drunk and obnoxious this is not an issue.
- I would like to see an increased presence of garbage or recycling receptacles
- This just doesn't seem like something that is needed. There are other alternatives to parks. You can drink in your yard or at a bar or on a patio, no real need to have this option when there are risks involved with this as an option. Not family friendly.
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- No.
- This will be abused, nobody "needs" to consume alcohol in public
- Glass bottles could be a concern, maybe limit consumption to cans or plastic containers.
- Recycling facilities must be in the area
- Some may overindulge and behave badly. Disrespectful people leaving containers but this already happens.
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- No
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- Most of the concerns I have were listed in question 2. As well as litter and people not cleaning up after themselves.
- I am tired of explaining to European guests why we are so backward that we do not allow liquor in parks, and I feel a glass of wine with a picnic is civilized outdoor dining, if I bother no one else. Loud music bothers me much more than liquor consumption
- If liquor is allowed at these picnic sites Cannabis should be allowed as well.
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- I have no concerns
- I think most people who really want to drink in public parks already do. It's pretty easy to pour a drink into a plastic cup!
- My only concern would be police being too heavy handed with people walking around the park with open alcohol. let people enjoy themselves in public spaces.
- No major concerns. There are so many other cities that have a positive relationship between parks and allowing liquor consumption so if issues did arise it would be wise to reach out to see how they handled these problems. Also, I'm so happy to hear that
- It's done throughout the world. Time to catch up.
- It's not hard to see the agenda at play here and I think (hope) the average Calgarian is smart enough to know that this is yet another attempt by city council to cash in on the prosperity of Calgarians by taxing something as simple as a picnic with wine.
- People abusing the policy and becoming disorderly
- No
- No
- The people that would otherwise cause a problem will do so with or without legal consumption. The vast majority will be respectful as always.
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- I have no concerns. People drink in public anyways- might as well legalize and regulate to ensure people are doing it safely and not disturbing others. I commend the city into making this a reality.
- This is one of the stupidest ideas they have come up with yet. Ranks right up with an olympic bid
- As long as people are safe I do not care.
- Was there any justification for the ban in the first place? Are we just going in circles?
- let's do it!
- Make cannabis consumption at these sites legal as well.
- Passing this law is us further straying away from human values and beginning to live like animals

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- The current ban stigmatizes the consumption of alcohol even when it is being enjoyed in a responsible manner . After extensive travel to places where this is not the case, the issues appear to be far less than feared similar to legalized pot.
- N/a
- How is this not allowed?
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- Littering.
- None.
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- No concerns.
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- i think it would just increase disorderly behaviour in public parks
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- All expressed above
- Make sure there are recycling bins nearby.
- No
- None. It happens already, and those that over-consume are not hard to spot.
- Standard drunk and disorderly/ public intoxication fines should apply.
- No
- Liquor consumption is not the issue that needs to be addressed. It is the alcohol abuse that is exacerbated by limiting the public's ability to do so freely and without judgement.
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- Cannabis should also be legal
- Drinking in city parks happens all the time. "Allowing" it will provide more oversight and discussion.
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- No
- Go for it! You will be a leader. Most other countries outside of north America permit this, and it really adds to the city's support of citizen desires.
- Already gave them.
- It shouldn't just be limited to designated picnic sites.
- I think this is a great idea. It should expand beyond picnic sites. We should be able to drink anywhere, except the obvious exceptions. Public drunkenness should be shunned and legally deterred, but people should be able to drink responsibly freely.
- No, also allow Marijuana
- None
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- Garbage
- I think it encourages teens to drink and carry on in the parks. Our experience is that when drinking they tend to do damage to benches and other structures, because they re drunk. Who needs that.
- Yes, allowing people to drink alcohol in family friendly picnic areas will encourage kids and youth to pick up the habit. Just like smoking, we need to bury this habit in the past and stop glorifying it.
- The people who misuse parks already do so. Making it legal reinforces proper behaviour. It doesn't encourage negative behaviour.
- Remind people to act like adults.
- I think a change would like have zero impact in parks those who are going to act in bad faith to the rules likely already do and mostly like currently are consuming alcohol against the rules anyways
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- No concerns, we are adults
- No
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- Crazy idea
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- No. People already drink at parks
- My concern is this isn't being marketed very well. Too many people think this means just getting drunk in a park and don't understand the "picnic site" aspect of it.
- NO! [Removed] do it already this shouldn't even be a questions. Canada is so [removed] conservative it makes me cringe.
- Once again I feel that if it is legal people will not abuse it so no concerns!
- Liquor consumption in public parks works phenomenally in Montreal. should be great in calgary.
- the current law is only suppressing responsible adults who would like to enjoy an alcoholic beverage at our city parks. The current law isn't stopping the kids from drinking across from my house every weekend.
- Don't make this a money grab
- We need to remove ourselves from our puritanical past and embrace an inclusive future. Picnic sites should be monitored by bylaw.
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- Yes! As noted above - people abusing the privilege and becoming loud and unruly, and irresponsibly discarding bottles/cans. Camping has become unpleasant where liquor is being consumed - please keep it out of our beautiful, quiet, family-friendly parks
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- Bad idea
- It's a natural step towards a freer and more responsible city. People who would like to responsibly enjoy alcohol should not be prohibited from it because of those that don't enjoy it responsibly -- and there are already laws to apply to those that don't.
- I would support soft liquor (beer, cider, etc.) in public, but allowing hard liquor may lead to an increase in disorderly behaviour.
- Many concerns. Public intoxication, children exposed to alcohol and people consuming alcohol, drinking and driving violations, drinking before rafting on the river or even just being near a river when drinking.
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- Cheers!
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- You can already consume in these areas without much risk. Like cannabis, it's already happening and there is no sense in demonizing it.
- We already legalized cannabis and are running out of personal freedoms just as fast so.. yeah lets make this a more free less restricted society. People are going to do what they do regardless of laws. Lets all grow up.
- Educate citizens about recycling and proper waste disposal. Be drastic on drinking and driving. Add police force every evening at the end of a summer day to breathalize park exits. Europe has always done it without any issues, why is this coming up now?
- Not having recycling bins near site for bottles.
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- Make sure there are sufficient recycling bins all over the parks
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- More recycling bins need to be available, and unfortunately more policing of littering will be required. Hopefully just initially, but there likely will be an increase in littering.
- Extend the law to include allowing open liquor almost anywhere. Its insane to try to limit the use of alcohol in public.
- It is very inappropriate to allow liquor at parks
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- A suggestion - maybe liquor consumption could be banned in parks from 12am to 4am to prevent unruly behavior at ungodly timings.
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- Could cause an increase in drunk driving.
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- Just asking for trouble
- It's a good idea that is long overdue. I'm not sure why we're such a prudish country. This is a step forward.
- I'm concerned about public drunkenness increasing, as well as belligerent behaviour towards other park users, and an increase in garbage, damage, and environmental impacts as a result.
- No, the difference between this and allowing liquor on the patio at a restaurant is minimal.
- My concern is that the government still lives in the prohibition era. Allow people to drink in public. It's not the Council's job to harass adults exercising their freedom.
- It's already happening anyways, people who want to be drunk in public and get out of hand already are, so why not let the responsible drinkers enjoy themselves too? We can't all afford the luxury of having a yard or outdoor living space to enjoy.
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- Consumption of alcohol already occurs in parks despite people knowing it's not allowed. Allowing people to consume in a responsible manner in designated areas is an excellent idea, and abusers of the privilege is where enforcement should be focused.
- It'll cost the tax payers far too much to change the signs, enforce rules and clean up.
- No comments or concerns
- Recycling bins available.
- The only concern is driving after consuming alcohol and people vandalizing/leaving garbage in the parks
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- Yes, should not be permitted in built up downtown areas like Eau Claire or East Village. More risk of anti-social behaviour and public disorder,
- No concerns, feels proper that drinking should be allowed in moderation.
- No
- Why is it even illegal? The people causing problems are the ones who aren't drinking responsibly anyways, so changing this won't effect that
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- No concerns
- Nope
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- I think there are many people doing it today. Most will be responsible. Ensure there is adequate recycling receptacles.

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- I don't see a problem. People do it already I'm sure, they just hide it. I'm from Europe and I never saw any problems around picnic sites/public and having a drink. People here just never learned to have that freedom, so they scared of the "new" ...LOL
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- We don't allow public drinking outside of licensed premises other than private residences for a reason: significant numbers of people abuse it. Why expose minors to that behaviour?.
- All stated above
- Alcohol consumption should be allowed ANYWHERE in public. Too many countries in Europe as well as municipalities in Quebec allow this without issue. Stop allowing close-minded people to dictate how we all should be able to live and enjoy public life.
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- Drunk people on rivers suck. Public drunkenness laws need to be enforced, but drinking in public does not bother me.
- No
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- Don't let the old conservatives ruin our fun!
- Drinking in moderation is socially acceptable and there are adequate laws governing public intoxication, damaging property and littering
- I do not think this is a reasonable proposal and has no public benefit to public consumption of alcohol. Public drinking is common in Europe and there are many problems associated with this practice. I do not want to have to deal with drunk people in a park
- Generally people are going to be getting wasted midday in the park. And if they do, bylaw can enforce basic drunk in public kind of tickets. Don't let a few idiots spoil something good for everyone.
- no
- In many cities and countries around the world this is already the norm. By not allowing public consumption of liquor you're essentially saying your constituents aren't as responsible as people in Hong Kong or the Netherlands. It's insulting.
- I would like to have more disposal of trash available through out all parks
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- It's no different than have a drink in a restaurant where no one bats an eye. Allow it. Drinking and driving and drunk in public laws protect people from over consumption.
- This is a small step forward described as a big deal. I'm for relaxation of all of these types of laws in general, although I understand that they are not under city jurisdiction

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- Personal preference would be to allow liquor in the majority of public spaces, including parks. I feel the rules around drunk and disorderly behavior should be strictly enforced but having a single drink in public is fine.
- No I'm surprised it's not already allowed
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- Yes, we already encounter drunk and disorderly people. So allowing these liquor picnic sites will worsen the situation.
- No concerns. I think it's a great idea.
- Doooo it
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- I do not have any concerns as long as people act responsibly. If they do not, then let the authorities or security intervene.
- READ ALL MY ABOVE ANSWERS!! Sadly, Nenshi and cohorts have already implemented your new cash cow so this whole thing is a farce.
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- Not at all. Drinking liquor in public is allowed virtually everywhere in Europe and yet there are absolutely no issues with that. I fail to see why it can't be the same case here. Also these policies should apply to cannabis as well.
- Do not turn our parks to pubs, please.
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- Not
- Responsible consumption and post travel plans.
- Allow cannabis as well as alcohol.
- Fear of public intoxication is overblown. Those who are going to get drunk, already do. More responsible people out there than not.
- Broken glass, park equipment damaged and people injuring themselves
- I do not. I think we are still living in the prohibition era compared to many other countries around the world. It is time to take a step forward and stop putting restrictions on every thing.
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- I believe it should be allowed in all cases. People who are drinking irresponsibly can still be fined by bylaw officers or arrested, but you shouldn't punish people who want to act responsibly
- I've spent a lot of time in Europe where public consumption is the norm, so why do we perceive Canadians as different? It is a no brainer.

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- Allowing liquor consumption at one public place is a slippery slope to liquor consumption being allowed every where, as people see it's fine to have it at parks, what the issue with having it while walking down the street.
- Nope
- Liquor is too expensive here and that might ultimately be the biggest limiting factor in people enjoying the parks with this change.
- Nope, I believe it should be allowed.
- bad idea
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- If liquor is consumed at picnic sites, & people drink too much, & get noisy & argumentative, then they could spoil enjoyment for others.
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- I am worried about cans and bottles being littered at the parks.
- Clean up after ourselves. Or having city bylaw patrolling the area?
- No
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- It's a bad idea.
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- A little concerned about charging people to book a picnic site.
- I think this is a great idea, its been done in europe for a long time and i've seen may enjoy it responsibly. it may take a little time for the overall excitement to die down and for people to treat it as the norm
- Think you should really consider it as many people do it regardless anyways, would be better if it was allowed in the first place.
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- Please don't do it! I beg you, for the safety of our roads, children, and park infrastructure. It would turn a family-friendly environment to a non-family friendly environment in many cases. There is no way we could pay for enough officers to patrol it
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- Make sure the liquor is only consumed with a meal
- Yes again liquor is associated to so many problems such as & not limited to(drinking & driving,fighting,increases intoxicating people @ the park & puts people life in jeopardy)
- It's not a big deal. People have been doing this always.
- I think some people would be concerned with safety, however if people are going to go to a park and be unruly, my opinion is they are already doing it and don't need to wait for alcohol to be permitted.
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- No
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- No concerns. I just want to have a beer with my burger.
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- Already mentioned above.
- Not at all. Let adults be adults.
- Many countries around the world have no or very loose public drinking laws and have had no terrible consequences. Germany, New Zealand, Czech Republic, Japan, Belgium, England and Italy just to name a few. Don't see that Calgary will be much different.
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- No
- Increased litter & broken glass, drunk drivers, higher risk of fire around bbqs, if you allow alcohol - you will have to allow cannabis.
- Underage drinking. People driving after drinking. People drinking after hours and not in designated picnic areas.
- Please, don't allow it. This is a total step back.
- No concerns. Simply because the individuals that everyone will say they are concerned about are already drinking too much in public spaces and will never change
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- 99.9% of the public is capable of responsible consuming alcohol.
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- No
- It has not happened sooner, that is the concern I have.
- Only concern would be to prevent littering and keep the parks clean and cared for.
- Concerned mostly with river floaters overconsumption (already happening but this would make it easier), garbage being left behind, harassment of those wishing to enjoy peacefulness in our parks, disorderly conduct for those who can't consume in moderation
- Make it happen already.
- See #2
- Just a concern about bad behaviour ruining the situation for responsible people.
- Ensuring proper waste removal.
- No more comments to add.
- I think most people will be completely respectful and it will add another element to our wonderful city and park life.
- Environmental risk
- No

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- None
- I have less concerns about public cannabis consumption than alcohol.
- definitely like the Montréal rules--MUST be eating a meal, MUST be at picnic site with picnic tables even if seated on blanket on ground
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- Yes, there are going to be people out of control just like they do in the bars. There is always people smashing bottle against pedestrian bridge trees picnic tables. I know because I'm pickup the glass all the time. Why would we want our children see
- My only concern is extra litter maybe
- I hope it doesn't attract disruptive/disorderly behaviour
- Make sure to actually talk to frontline bylaw officers and police before implementation of any changes to ensure rules drafted are actually enforceable. I work for CCS and with CPS, we want to be consulted on this to ensure it's done properly.
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- The same regulations should apply as when booking a hall, ie need liquor license etc
- Increased littering could be a problem, but I believe that most people would be respectful of the space
- Don't treat us like children and you will be pleasantly surprised.
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- it's a bad idea... for the 10% of regular people who may use this feature. there'll be 100% of the homeless population using this feature. Our parks will permanently look like the alpha house at 2am on a friday night.
- Restrict to areas where children less likely to be around. Restrict to adult only parties. Have the party indicate who is the DD or how they will be getting home afterwards
- We have enough drunk people on the streets without any authorization. Why give them more freedom to drink in public and show bad behaviours to kids? There are enough public places for drinking alcohol restaurants, bars, stampede binge times!!!
- With the increased drinking and driving laws it seems ridiculous to all of a sudden start allowing liquor in public places
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- Quality communication of statistics (before/after change) is imperative. The media loves to use recency and sampling bias to generate polarizing political argument.
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- Be prepared to enforce public intoxication law. Trying to manage a site that you booked is already challenging.
- I wouldn't want to see disorderly behavior ruin it for everyone
- No
- Great idea
- I am greatly concerned about the repercussions and added danger to allowing this in our parks. There are other areas for this behaviour. Do not destroy our beautiful parks.
- I feel like disorderly conduct can be handled separately from those consuming alcohol responsibly.
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- Not really. Kids see parents and family drink at home so there is no argument there. Could lead to us having a better respect for alcohol instead of just using it to get blasted.
- no
- So long as it's enforced it should be fine.
- Very in favour of it generally. I think people who want to drink already do it. I guess the worst concern is drunks or homeless, however support for recycling bottles etc would likely decrease the impact.
- Only concern is broken glass. Maybe make a rule it's only cans and plastic?
- That would allow Calgary to catch up with much of the rest of the world.
- As long as people follow the rules and don't cause problems and are respectful to others and the environment no concerns.
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- There are plenty of places to drink. Picnic sites should not be one of them. The drinking and driving issue should be a red flag on it's own.
- Nope. It's no different than someone getting drunk then walking into the park, and the people already breaking the law and consuming alcohol in the park will not increase
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- As long as the sites don't become regular hangout spots and therefore discourage a wider variety of patrons.
- I feel that public drinking should be allowed anywhere in the city. Drinking in public does not include public intoxication but rather just enjoying an alcoholic beverage openly. I don't feel I should be treated like a criminal for enjoying beer publicly.
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- I think it's a great idea, we are behind the times.
- Nope.
- It's about time Calgary/Canada moved away from the Puritan, archaic laws from prohibition and joined the rest of the world!

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- Make it legal. Your fans will love you.
- For the reasons stated above, even if you restrict where alcohol can be consumed you can restrict drunk people from walking around
- It happens now, and the current laws are not enforced unless there is a behavior problem (or the risk of one). The status quo is probably better than having a special designated zone.
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- Let it happen like 99% of the world that allows it
- By allowing liquor to be consumed in parks it allows for a culture that drinks moderately and respectfully without the need to binge drink during certain hours and places. This will encourage responsible consumption and model this for youth.
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- It's about time we drop the antiquated temperance laws like this. They have no place in a modern western society.
- My concern is that people will have to book a picnic site in order to consume. This discriminates against people who do not have access to or are unable to use computers. Please ensure an equitable plan.
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- No need for it
- Non responsible drinking should be combated with heavy fines. Drink responsibly or pay a large fine.
- Homeless in Lindsay Park would be a safety concern if liquor was permitted.
- I have no concerns except with drinking and driving. Drinking is allowed to occur in public in most of the civilized countries in the world. Calgary is a very civilized city. If it shows it is not then there it is the chance to learn how to be civilized.
- No concerns.
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- Concerned regarding littering.
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- Law makers should concern themselves with criminalizing harm to the public, not the potential for a nuisance to occur. If it will still be illegal to get heavily intoxicated and disturb the public, there is no reason to outlaw responsible consumption too.
- Yes. People are not criminals.
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- The problem with liquor in parks is the ones who overdo it and consume too much would ruin it for the others who drink one or two responsibly. Increase in drunk and disorderly behaviour.
- It shouldn't be in just designated areas. If I'm picnicking in a park, let me drink a cold beer!
- Looking at other parts of the world, concerns seem to come from ignorance.
- My biggest concern is by allowing liquor in parks, the pot smokers will demand same privileges.
- I think it should be allowed.
- Its about time it was allowed. It will save bylaw issuing tickets that aren't required. It's a beer, get over it.
- Concerns on the subject are misplaced. This issue is not public drinking but public intoxication, which you already have laws to enforce.
- No, I welcome these progressive changes the city is looking at.
- Europe has allowed this for decades without issue. This should be a common sense change.
- It should just be allowed anywhere there is a picnic site. Abuse of the privileges should come with heavy fines. Let urbanites us enjoy a beer and bbq in peace
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- It may increase disorderly behavior and cause problems. It may make things more dangerous for others in the park
- Clean up from users, and responsible site usage.
- No
- Great idea. Works I'm europe
- No.
- Pot in parks should be legal too. People are going to doing regardless. May as well not waste tax payers money policing something that's supposed to be legal. I would 100% rather deal with someone high on pot in a park than drunk on alcohol.
- It should also be allowed at non-picnic sites in parks.
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- nope
- There should be bins made available for refundable containers. Either for the city to take care, or so there are fewer people picking through garbage bins and potentially making a mess by so.
- Treat people like adults and let them drink
- I support paying for the ability to bring liquor to any picnic area, not just bookable sites, similar to a liquor license. If drinking wasn't illegal at a picnic site, people who already do it are less likely to binge drink to hide it.
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- As long as partying doesn't happen at parks there is no issue.
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- No matter what the law is, people will and always have been drinking at picnic sites.

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- The rules should be clear and respectful, it doesn't take much for someone to ruin it for everyone. I also worry about the NIMBYism some of our communities wield far too often.
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- There are many other places to consume liquor other than in a public park where users should be able to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of nature without being bothered by some drunk!!!
- I'm looking forward to a more cultured view of our city. Very European and cool! It's not a problem over there. It won't be a problem here.
- Nothing
- Glad we're finally catching up with the 21st century.
- I think it's a great idea.
- Alcohol should not be consumed in public spaces.
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- There is a lack of common sense and the councilor pursuing this is a good example and hopefully won't be re-elected next term.
- People are already drinking in public parks, they're just hiding it in their Starbucks cups.
- I think we should all relax about mild liquor consumption. This type of thing is already quite normal in many parts of the world.
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- No
- It should be permitted everywhere. Do not impose restrictions
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- Liquor consumption and marijuana consumption should be allowed at all parks, rivers (fishing), campgrounds, etc.
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- Over consumption of course
- I think the same issues apply whether or not liquor is permitted. People need to dispose of waste and be generally respectful of others in the area. I don't think this will change regardless of regulation.
- No
- The problems that are perceived will be much less than the benefits of this.
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- Look at other jurisdictions, especially in Europe, on how this is done.
- If this is put into place, I think it should be consistently monitored to ensure the safety of everyone involved.
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- Hurry up and allow it.
- I think this is a healthy way to promote moderate, safe and responsible alcohol consumption and fully support this initiative.
- It should have never been illegal.
- My concern is why didn't this change 100 years ago? "Prohibition" of booze in public is stupid. Basically everywhere else in the world, this isn't a problem. The nanny state here is stupid.
- Include cannabis
- I thoroughly enjoyed visiting Italy this past summer, where social drinking was not confined to bars or private residences. Alcohol was common in public spaces, but public drunkenness was deterred via social scorn. I'd like to see a similar approach here.
- I think this is long overdue and I'm proud to live in a city that is considering it!
- Given the new very restrictive drinking and driving rules it doesn't make sense to allow drinking in unsupervised areas.
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- Appropriate recycling containers should be placed in liquor designated areas.
- There should be more recycling receptacles in parks so that bottles don't end up in the garbage.
- No, this wouldn't change liquor or consumption rules regarding intoxication nor driving impaired
- Good idea. Everyone is doing it anyway.
- I think it's a good idea to pilot. If successful the city should look to allow drinking within all city parks with safeguards in place (many already so) to ensure the safety and cleanliness of our shared spaces.
- No
- Make sure that there are more areas to dispose bottle to keep our parks clean.
- Treat adults like adults
- If the city allows liquor consumption at designated sites, cannabis should be permitted too.
- Too much violence is happening especially after 4pm in a lot of parks at the moment in the summer and we don't have enough way to monitor and control it. I think it will make things worst.
- The law in the UK parks allows for alcohol if accompanied by food items in order to be considered a picnic. When families go out for these events it normalizes responsible drinking
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- I'd like to see checkpoints set up near parks in the early stages if/when this pilot project is launched.
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- All those checked off in question#2
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- Allowing this is a bad idea

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- are they prepared to be liable when people drink and drive from a park? there are enough places to drink...keep away from the parks.
- It's happening in other parts of the world (UK, Europe) and it seems to be fine then. Enforce that you should have food if you're going to consume liquor (I believe that is the rule in the UK).
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- As long as people are respectful, I have no concerns. Police have laws in place already to deal with disorderly conduct.
- Need bottle receptacles, the money from deposits could help fund this project
- No, as long as it is still illegal to be intoxicated in public, people will be reasonable.
- No
- See question#1
- Don't do it, people won't respect the bylaws.
- I think it's a good idea. I think it should be avoided in parks with playgrounds
- White people go crazy when they're drunk. If were anything like Japanese people I wouldn't mind.
- Lets be progresive and move forward we pay for the parks and I know my family would use the parks more often.
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- Not necessary
- I think issuing a special event liquor license when booking a picnic site would allow troublesome situations to be tracked a bit better. The license holder would be responsible for their guests
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- N/a
- Concerns - overindulgence and rude behavior. But everyone has cell phones and ccan easily report it. Problem solved.
- My concern is that if you restrict the consumption of alcohol then the relation and enjoyment will be reduced. Too many restrictions take away from the enjoyment.
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- It is totally unacceptable
- Liquor should not be allowed on any public place/ parks

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- No
- Only concern would be people abusing the system. but I feel like those people would be abusing it whether or not it was allowed.
- None at all, the city should have done this years ago.
- I dont like that amplified music can be blasted, yet liquor is banned. The music is far more disturbing than people talking and laughing While having drinks
- Anyones opinion in opposition is no different then mine. The exception that they are removing my right to something that has no affect on them. As long as individuals are responsible, no more harm comes from liquor than a game of frisbee or bocci ball.
- I would be concerned about people becoming too inebriated.
- Maybe you should open parks just for adults since children don't have money of their own to pay for a clean and peaceful place they also don't have a voice to make people hear their choices.
- If you can't go to a park without consuming alcohol you probably have substance abuse issues. We don't need more of that!
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- No
- Don't want to be around people getting loud and inebriated in public. Will end up with more people relieving themselves in the bushes nearby.
- People who abuse alcohol will be permitted in these areas.
- I would like drinking to be allowed at picnic tables, as long as behaviour is decent and respectful. I would definitely have more picnics in Carburn park if I could bring some wine.
- Plenty of places in Europe allow open liquor pretty much everywhere and don't suffer problems from it
- None, since now "smoking" is happening all over the city
- It already occurs both in the open and discreetly. Not a big deal.
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- I think the main concern is disorderl conduct but this is already occuring regardless if legal or not people having 1-2 alcoholic bevarages in a city park will not cause any most distrubance than they would in their own home/backyard
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- Do not make it restrictive and tedious. Just allow it to become part of the culture for people to have some wine or beer with their picnic. Most adults are very responsible, and public intoxication and disturbance are quickly reported.
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- The concern is with those who overindulge and abuse the privilege causing disturbances and problems.
- Our paths should be a place for families, and making this an option does not benefit the family friendly atmosphere
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- Please consider budget required for enforcement (designated vs. all picnic sites) and cleanup/maintenance.
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- All concerns are currently and will continue to be protected against by public drunkenness laws and driving under the influence laws.
- No. Public consumption should be permitted
- People aren't as responsible, tidy, well-behaved, and respectful when alcohol is involved.
- Ensure additional recycling/garbage bins are installed.
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- People that take it too far or leave a mess, instead of drinking responsibly and enjoying the green spaces near them.
- Just as children aren't allowed at bars, I think it should be the other way around. Alcohol around families and children/youngsters shouldn't be allowed.
- There will be people who will take advantage so that would need to be monitored.
- no
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- I think that alcohol should not be allowed
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- An increase in proper recycling bins in the parks will hopefully eliminate any increase in waste at the park sites.
- Provincial parks are fine. City parks should be fine too.
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- No
- I'm not in favour of public drunkenness but I'm also not in favour of restricting options of reasonable respectful citizens
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- allow the freedom to choose but educate on the responsibility and potential consequences.
- I really could care less if people consume alcohol at their park picnics. I expect Calgarians have done this since the beginning of time. Do we really need ANOTHER bylaw ????
- No.

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- None at all
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- I don't want extra security interaction or policing so overall I'm sceptical of the program but understand many more people want it. I would avoid the areas myself and would only attend on the invitation of friends.
- N/A
- This could be done well. Or it can be implemented poorly. Don't implement this poorly. People are already bringing alcohol to picnic sites and will continue to do just make it legal to have a few beverages with your picnic.
- I think there would need to be an increase in patrol/checking of these sites to insure that people are still being appropriate. I feel there should be stipulations on the consumption while children are present as well... not sure how that would look.
- No more than any thing else that may cause disturbance.
- Again, I think it would be a good idea. This would benefit the responsible drinkers, as the irresponsible drinkers usually ignore the laws anyways.
- People sink now. The regulation would help officers to be more effective in enforcing the regulations as they would only target the disturbers.
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- Make the rules simple to follow. No hard liquor. No drunken behavior
- I don't see why this is suddenly becoming an option we need to explore? What is wrong with current situation of dry picnic sites?
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- I think that this represents a step in the wrong direction for us as a city. There are so many actually important things that we should focus on.
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- Just need to work out how oversight of these parks will occur.
- All public outdoor (not just a handful of picnic) sites should allow responsible consumption, subject to current laws prohibiting public drunkenness.
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- Responsible adults will behave accordingly. There are other existing provisions in bylaws that can address public disturbances and intoxication.
- I think this is entirely unnecessary.

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- More disposal recycling bins
- About time. If people abuse it in any way make fines very large.
- Yes, why are we designating sites. Just make it ok to drink in parks. We already have laws around public intoxication, what are these restrictions adding? As long as someone is of age, and not rude who cares if its a can of local beer or coca cola
- Nope
- No
- all for it
- Let's get with the 21st century...people already do it so legalize it and get rid of the "fear of being caught". Like most things in life most people will be respectful so stop punishing everyone for the crimes of the few
- Please
- No
- No
- More garbage
- No.
- No
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- If you can't handle drinking like an responsible adult should you be allowed out of your own home? Are you responsible enough to drive a car or hold down a job?
- If there is abuse the parks staff should be allowed to issue a warning or a fine
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- Unfortunately not all people understand that you can just have a few drinks and don't have to get drunk. Drunk people can be loud, vulgar, messy and disrespectful. In addition, would there be a higher level of check stops? I do worry about people driving.
- Beer gardens would be a great asset! There are so many places along the Biking and pathways that would benefit from beer gardens. Make it more like Europe!
- No.
- No.
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- People at first will abuse this new freedom, increased police presence should be encouraged for the first few months
- I think having the caveat that there must be food there as well is a good idea
- Just like now, enforcement should focus on people who are disturbing others or nature.
- The cost of enforcement

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- No
- Cont... consumption. I would be willing to pay 20-25 \$ more if the site is booked with the intention of drinking.
- great idea, this helps bring people that live in higher density more options than meeting friends on a business patio, promotes the ability to be active while social unlike a bar/patio
- No
- I lived in Australia and they allowed alcohol and designated parks and outdoor events. Attendance by families and groups of friends always impressed me and alcohol consumption was not seen as an issue.
- No
- Parks that allow consumption of liquor would hopefully have restrooms accessible, as well as lots of garbage / recycling areas.
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- None. It works in Quebec and Europe, it will be fine here.
- I think the only difference would be that so many moms would not longer drink wine out of their coffee cups but be able to enjoy an actual glass suitable to wine drinking. At the end of the day, we allow alcohol in arenas & movie theatres. No difference.
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- I think people should be given the option to drink responsibly. If some people decide to not clean up after themselves or cause a public disturbance then they should be dealt with accordingly.
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- It is already being done, just take away the fine associated with it. You will have more people inclined to follow rules in the park drinking, which is better overall.
- I think this a great idea and if implemented properly could boost the usage of city parks and enjoyment in the city.
- Not necessary.
- Yes, I believe it will lead to an increase of littering, and will take money out of business owners who provide alcohol service in the surrounding neighbourhood.
- Someone is going to be a drunken fool. Shouldn't let that ruin things for everyone else.
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- Bums going through the recycling for cans.
- I would like to see this go through. In Europe it's totally acceptable to have a beer with your picnic, and rarely is it a drunken disorderly situation.
- Young adults between 18 to 23 being stupid

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- The general public would benefit from having this. If we are allowing marijuana use in public places there is no reason that alcohol should remain banned. Abuse will happen whether or not it's legal, this allows the general public to partake as well.
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- I think it would be a great change ! Our summers are only so long so it would be nice to be able to venture to new parks and have the ability to enjoy alcoholic beverages and be social
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- It should be allowed
- Calgarians should have the option to enjoy a beverage in the parks.
- No. There are so many places to drink outside for free.
- N/A
- I think the biggest concern a lot of people have is drunks. I believe the majority of people are sensible adults and changing one rule won't affect this. Europe has faced no such negative effects. Life just goes on as normal.
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- No
- Yes. I think adding more recyclable containers would be a good idea. It might eliminate any concerns about more litter/ glass/ cans. Even if public drinking doesn't come to fruition, more rectangle containers would be nice at picnic sites regardless.
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- People would still be liable if they were beligiant.
- Not really. It's never made sense to me that we don't allow this, I think it actually gives youth a healthier perspective on alcohol consumption to see adults enjoying a glass of wine outside in the summer.
- The smoking of cigarettes should be banned in parks, secondhand smoke damages the health of others, whereas liquor consumption has no direct impact on others. I believe those who will abuse it already do regardless of permission.
- This sounds more like a ploy to get votes than well thought-out public policy
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- Drinking and driving/floating
- Safety

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- NO
- There are absolutely no benefits to allowing liquor consumption at park picnic sites. Only police can issue tickets with respect to liquor consumption, and they are already over-worked with limited resources. How would this be controlled? It just won't.
- none. people who want to drink at picnic sights are already doing it
- I would want to ensure there is recycling so people don't litter.
- More location for recycling in parks
- None.
- Liquor consumption in park is an asinine idea, how will garbage be dealt with? There are not always bins close by, and drunks will not be placing the garbage into the bin anyway. Just more garbage all over our city parks that will never be cleaned up.
- No.
- What about drinking in close proximity to playgrounds or other locations for children? Currently kids are not allowed in a bar, but we are going to let them witness alcohol consumption in public? This is just a ridiculous idea, and will not be policed.
- I think this is a great move. We spend a lot of time in Europe where this is normal public behaviour and have never had any concerns.
- What about the parks that are part of the river system? This will simply encourage more drinking by rafters on the river, which will create even more dangerous situations. There is a enough of this drinking already, we don't need to encourage it.
- None.
- This will only encourage even more drinking and driving issues, on top of the existing drinking issues. Why would we allow drinking in parks, how would we effectively enforce that it is only at a park picnic table, and with food? It won't be done,
- There is a danger of people getting violent when drinking, we all know that, look at the bars/pubs in Calgary. There are frequent stabbing and gun shouting, why would the city allow a potentially dangerous situations to happen in the parks?
- This is another half baked idea from the city, and I don't support this at all. there will be more garbage in our parks, more drunks, the police will not have time to deal with this. What about the safety of regular people who use the park?
- Yes everything about this idea is terrible. This could lead to underage drinking and gang fighting just like there is at the bars
- Don't charge people to consume liquor, it would be a waste of money and resources and difficult to police.
- This will simply increase the dangerous situations that the public will have to deal with, with groups of people that are rowdy, disorderly etc. how will the safety of the public be ensured? I don't see an increase in police officers as part of this .

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- I think there will be numerous problems if drinking is allowed. There will be violence people's safety will be at risk. This is not something the public needs to do in a park. There will also be more garbage broken glass to be cleaned up.
- This is very bad idea because it's against my beliefs and it sometimes people could become violent. Children could see drinking and want to do this to
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- Monitoring for safe and responsible consumption. Should come from few for use
- Very very bad. I don't want to see people drinking, they rarely follow the laws when drinking. This will get children to sneak drinking because it will give teen access to asking adults for alcohol.
- This is against my religion, there should not be any drinking in public, it's already bad enough that there are patios with drinking allowed. How can the city think this is a good idea? With pot being allowed now, where is this going to stop?
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- This still seems like a controlled approach to consumption of using designated areas and food so I have no concerns
- It would be logical to allow drinking in public spaces. It poses no additional threat that any bar does.
- Liquor should not be allowed at picnic sites.
- Curfew for alcoholic sites should not be too late to prevent younger adults from spending all evening in the parks
- Not really - other than it seems to work just fine in any number of other cities around the world without major problems. Restrictions on this are, frankly, silly.
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- It is allowed in most other countries in the world with no issue at all. We need to stop trying to nanny everyone!
- Honestly, aren't there enough bars and places to consume alcohol. What about people that have quit using alcohol and are trying to be sober
- I hope the city adopts this pilot project. It would increase park use, and decrease the amount of concealed alcohol currently in parks.
- Taking a step back, notice how pervasive alcohol is in our society. We do not need to enable drinking of alcohol further. There are plenty of venues where people can socialize with alcohol. Please do not add parks to this list of places.
- Allow cannabis first.
- LEGALIZE IT.
- No. People already drink in parks illegally anyway. Allowing legal drinking doesn't make any difference as social standards on behaviour/cleanliness still need to be enforced, and most drinking would do so quite reasonably.
- No

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- I would not enforce the substances. I would enforce the behaviours. Drunken and disorderly behaviour should not be tolerated. Destruction of property and or littering should not be tolerated. A responsible respectful person should be free to do whatever
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- There are too many irresponsible people out there
- None. It's been happening in Europe for centuries. It's high time we start embracing a more civilized society and direct city policing efforts to more pressing matters.
- Liquor has never improved the behaviour or good decision making of any citizens anywhere. Keep it out of our parks so families can stay safe and have good clean fun. I can't even begin to imagine the problems this could inspire young people to have.
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- No, I don't have any concerns regarding liquor consumption at designated picnic sites. I believe those renting and willing to pay for a picnic site will be responsible with their liquor consumption.
- The rest of the western world (aside from the US, who are terrified of everything) allow liquor consumption in public. It's not a big deal. It has never been a big deal. Let's join the rest of the world and stop worrying about it.
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- liquor doesn't need to be forbidden. It's god of our community
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- People that don't drink responsibly but honestly if they want to drink in public, nothing is stopping them in all truth.
- Litterers punished - would the to see beer cans everywhere
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- These locations will need to be monitored. Steeper fees may discourage irresponsible usage.
- Safety, and garbage
- Liquor itself is not the problem, it is the behaviour of the users, and it is definitely not fair to penalize tourists who are accustomed to wine with quiet picnic with a law that has in mind avoiding a rowdy teenage beer event.
- No
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- It should not be allowed due to safety
- People already do this, it just makes sense to me. Enforce public intoxication laws, crack down on litterers - the mechanisms to enforce against a few bad apples are already in place.

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- No I think this is a good step forward and would align us more with the rest of the world
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- I believe people are responsible and will clean up after themselves.
- WE have been driven by the conservative beliefs dating back to prohibition and it is time to let go of these beliefs that are exclusionary and no longer relevant in a society that has legalized pot.
- It just isn't necessary for people to enjoy being outdoors.
- None
- Please roll back any laws prohibiting people from drinking in public (anywhere at all) and enforce good education and supervision.
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- Alcohol never brings benefits with it. My concern is overuse, which is assured to happen. Drunk driving in park areas and roads home. Behavior problems with reduce inhibitions. Generally bad idea.
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- People need to be responsible for their actions. If they are causing trouble they should be dealt with appropriately.
- I believe that there are enough people doing this against bylaws already. It does not make sense to me to add this into our bylaws. People who choose to drink can do this in their homes, or licenced establishments.
- the few jerks that abuse alcohol are not worth the repercussions / and you know it would happen
- no
- This sounds like a great idea.
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- Increase in bad and drunk behaviour
- People should drink responsibly or not at all in public. Safety hazard for kids and others.
- I don't see the benefit of having more inebriated people in public.
- None
- No. Persons who want to consume alcohol at parks already do so by concealing it. It is time to lift the ban and allow the public to consume responsibly. There needs to be more trust given to the public as a whole.
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- There is 0 oversight at the park. When I showed up people were in our spot and I had to convince them to move showing them my permit. People don't know they can book the sites. People will see alcohol and then everyone is going to drink!
- No concerns. Although the police will have to find something else to do. Like stopping real criminals from stealing cars, selling drugs and breaking into houses. I know, it's hard.

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- Yes. The main concern is safety, odd behavior, increased drunk and driving. This will also impact kids as the kids will not be comfortable going out in picnic sites. Picnic sites shouldn't be meant for social drinking.
- There needs to be more garbage cans and recycling in all public parks so that people are not littering.
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- I don't believe this should be allowed. Not just for a legal concern by why would we be showing our children the only way to enjoy ourselves is to enjoy include alcohol?
- How would it be marked where the legal consumption perimeter is? If it is only designated picnic sites but not an entire park how will people know?
- I don't see the argument that it would cause more drinking and driving, anyone can go sit on a patio and consume alcohol and then choose to drive, a picnic is no different. The law is the law when it comes to drinking and driving no matter where consumed
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- same concerns as question 2 - I DO NOT agree with this.
- I feel that if there is lots of signage on what the guidelines/rules are that if anything needs to be enforced .. no one can say they didn't know.
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- Yes. Disorderly conduct and wilful damage. Who's going to police the parks?
- I think this is a great idea and would be welcomed by most reasonable people. There will always be issues with people being rowdy, but nothing is stopping them from behaving that way currently even if it is "illegal"/
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- do it already, jesus this country is lame
- No concerns. This is a great idea. Let's do this!
- I don't think this should be allowed. I feel it will open opportunity for things to go wrong.
- I don't think this will increase impaireds or disorderly conduct as most are already doing so in a safe manner.
- Safe responsible use of picnics grounds should be the responsibility of users
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- No
- Signage needs to be posted; and enforce/policing if rules by by-law officers.
- no - as long as there's trash can's in the area, everyone should be responsible enough to clean up after themselves
- I'm concerned that has taken as long as it has (nearly a century) to even start undoing the missteps of prohibition.
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- Why is it always about a cost to the consumer? Always wanting us to pay we pay enough give us a break.
- I believe this would be a positive initiative. Liquor consumption does happen in public picnic sites and I believe for the most part people are responsible around it's useage. The same considerations should be given to marajuana consumption.
- No concern at all. Look at Europe again, they allow this all over and there are no major problems. To be able to go an have a glass or wine/ beer while in the park will increase users in the areas and will be nice to be able to do what we want.
- Please keep sites allowing liquor away from playgrounds as a safety measure
- This is a very bad idea, just like designated consumption sites for Cannabis. Public consumption of intoxicating materials should not be encouraged in public spaces frequented by kids, families, school groups, day camps...
- Opening up alcohol to parks with designated picnic spaces will lead to permitted drinking in other green spaces that currently are not designated sites. This would lead to issues, which are listed above, around residential homes and children.
- Plenty of concerns: The mess often left behind after drunken parties, destruction of city / Park property, the general degradation of otherwise pleasant parks
- I like that it has to be in the presence of food, the alcohol should also stay somewhat concealed.
- As long as recycling bins are provided and clean up is enforced
- Just let it happen. People already do it.
- Obviously underage drinking, excessive consumption. It would require more monitoring.
- Should have some servalence cameras for saftey.
- Ounce of prevention, pound of cure. Rather than hiding it now and having to enforce why not open up a few spots and make some money off it
- As much as I would like to see it for responsible people, there are to many more that don't know how to limit their consumption
- There will always be one group of people or another who will become drunk and disorderly. But that doesn't mean the rest of us should have to pay the price.
- Proper bins so people aren't throwing glass/empties on the ground, maybe banning glass containers because glass is a big concern.
- I am concerned that there would be people who don't know the meaning of moderation. There are many in this category. I think there would need to be quite a lot of "supervision" to start with to prevent abuse. After some time the novelty would disappea
- No, its about time we allowed the free will of residents
- transients or other people/ young adults taking advantage/abusing the priviledge
- People who want to responsibility consume a beer at a family picnic should be allowed (and often already do) also those who drink irresponsibility in parks and create probs already do. Ban doesn't stop the latter. No need topolice /fine the former group.

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- There are enough places that allow people to drink and only a few that allow places to go where drinking isn't allowed. Please keep these few places for use to enjoy
- Our nation is too stuck up about public alcohol consumption, which leads to a continuing stigma surrounding people who wish to imbibe, and limits the choice of people in lower income brackets, who otherwise don't have access to large lawn space in summer.
- In Europe it's legal and not an issue. Don't listen to dumb mom's on this issue
- On principle, responsible public drinking should not be restricted, but regulated. However, personally I really like that there is one place I can spend my leisure time and not be vigilant/ stressed/ have to confront someone who is driving drunk.
- See above concerns. Children are exposed to enough addictive behaviours already. Let's enjoy nature and everyone be safe.
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- My only concern would be the potential increase of cans and bottles not being disposed of properly.
- Yes if the city allows drinking in the park, it will destroy all nature in the park. People drinking will throw things at wildlife and smashing bottles against trees. This could hurt someone very seriously. Also I don't think it's appro to have people
- I'm not interested in drinking in the park nor am I interested in seeing drunk people in the park. If the city actually think they can control that, they better think again. I think this is a ridiculous idea.
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- This is a terrible idea, why would the city ever consider such a dumb idea? Isn't there more important things to debat and improve? Like getting more police and by law out in our park. There is already a lot of crime in the parks & we don't need anymor
- Has the city ever thought about the environment? Do we need to drink now in the park? There is going to be debris and broken bottles from all the parties! Why doesn't the city of Calgary care about protecting our green spaces. (Parks)
- It's bad people will fight and be loud. It will no longer be a place of peace and relaxing.
- No.
- We have much larger concerns in Calgary than drinking in parks. Taxes and spending are out of control. I want city council to focus on important issues and not waste time on items such as this.
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- Pilot should be long enuff to address unresolved issues eg. porta-potties, enforcement, shouting, etc.
- Broken glass is a major concern for kids and pets.
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- No, as long as it's paired with food.
- No.
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- Great initiative by the City. Our liquor laws are archaic and need to be overhauled. This is a start but we should look for more opportunities to be less restrictive with alcohol consumption.
- I don't feel it's a good idea. I know that most people are responsible adults but it would only take a few taking it too far until someone gets hurt, or worse.
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- No
- This is a huge step forward for Calgary.
- No
- yes
- Over policing. Yes make sure people are safe but please trust our ability to make informed responsible decisions. Maybe post the number for taxi services or Uber app adverts. But if your concerned with its consumption here make it illegal everywhere.
- No but people should keep it reasonable.
- There's no downside.
- Would just want to see an increase in recycling bins as well to account for the possible increase in bottles
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- Do not allow liquor in our City Parks
- no
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- Needs to be plenty of recycling bins available that would be emptied frequently.
- I think this is a straightforward and simple change that the city of Calgary could make to enrich the lives of citizens. It is low cost and would probably increase use of those public spaces in the community.
- Lots of concerns as noted in question 2.
- Serious concerns about lack of bylaw/law enforcement in parks. I already see people on a daily basis smoking pot and drinking in the park across from my house. Like pot legalization, this will just embolden some people to drink more openly.
- No additional comments and no concerns.
- I think this really makes sence. And im sure that lots of picnic site users are already doing this.
- Refer to No. 4 above
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- Given the detrimental effects within the culture associated with the consumption of alcohol, I don't think the practice should be normalized into the out-of-doors...
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- nope
- None
- Parks close to existing ALGC lincenced establishments or retailers should not be designated to protect small buisness and discourage homeless from purchasing takeout liquor and drinking in parks
- No
- Although I appreciate there are many people who may drink at picnic sites and parks responsibly it seems like a small benefit for those who will be irresponsible when intoxicated. Like any bar there are a mix of customers but I'd prefer not to have it.
- Simply, it is not safe for my family to be in a "public place" where people are consuming liquor.
- Drinking and driving is always a concern, but not unique to picnic sites. It's no different than driving to a bar and consuming liquor there. I think this is an important step in the direction away from prohibitionist laws unique to North America.
- Yes, irresponsible drinking habits of some.
- Inevitably some users will view the alcohol permitted sites as their personal party place. A few users that drink too much could reduce enjoyment and feelings of safety in the parks for others.
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- picnic should be peaceful and joyful, enjoy the outdoor. If you want liquor part, do it at home or elsewhere.
- Increase of public disorder; increase of pollution (cans and bottles and trash on the public space)/ drunk people behave in unpredictable ways - it can be dangerous
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- First is that parks are already under patrolled by Police. Second if the sites where liquor is permitted are limited it concentrates the activity creating areas people may avoid. Instead with many sites it will integrate it into the fabric of city life.
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- No. Again, not sure why the limit of "picnic" sites. There are lots of parks with lots of space. Let the people enjoy all of it.
- Only if younger kids do not respect the spirit of this idea.
- No
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- Liquor is just a drink and shouldn't be differentiated from any of the other types of drinks.
- Let's do it.
- Public Intoxication is already a crime. Responsible drinkers shouldn't have to suffer because of the morons.
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- Fall in line with the rest of the country/world and stop policing little things.

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- My concerns are that the police and other emergency services are already stretched beyond their fullest to monitor behaviour and legal and ethical issues. Why would we want to create more potential issues. I understand by legalizing this it would allow
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- Only if people such as teenagers tend to get out of hand and drive while intoxicated. However i do not think loosening the regulations would increase the instances of this. as long as ppl arent littering i see no problems.
- There's always someone who ruins it for everyone else, those people are just [removed].
- Cannabis should be allowed before alcohol. But everyone's on the reefer madness train and loves propaganda. Cannabis doesn't cause harm. Alcohol causes LOTS of harm.
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- No marijuana NO LIQUOR
- No I do not support this concept. Pls do not mix liquor and public places.
- Very rarely have I seen Enforcement in the parks. I have concerns of how the city is going to police the parks if liquor consumption is allowed.
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- Limited to picnic sites is ridiculous. Look at the park as a whole. If someone has a quiet afternoon with a bottle of wine and some crackers laying on a blanket in the shade who cares. Current public intoxication laws already cover the problems.
- Why haven't we done this sooner
- Liquor consumption should not be allowed at parks.
- There would have to be monitoring and if any guests get rowdy or out of hand, there would need to be fairly quick response times and fines. Other guests at the park shouldn't lose their day from inconsiderate drinkers.
- I have concerns of people getting loud and inebriated and disturbing others. National Parks have banned alcohol on long weekends to avoid this.
- My only major concern is drinking and driving. This is already an issue in our city and I feel like there would need to be more awareness or police presence. Night time is bad enough, but this could add day time to the mix
- Bad idea.
- It should not be allowed in parks/picnic site.
- I am very against liquor consumption at any picnic site or park. There's a good reason you cannot drink in public and I think it should stay that way.
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- a. there are already high number of dui why add more to the problem next the next thing some will say how about the pot smoking in parks what then. liquor should only stay in homes or bars plain and simple. there are other more impt. things to tackle thi
- I don't think it's realistic to expect people to, say, pay for a site and then ensure that they are having food with their drinks. I think people would start consuming alcohol at other sites and claiming ignorance. Enforcement issues all over the place.
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- Please do not allow this. Keep parks a family oriented place where people can enjoy and have fun not worrying about some drunkard causing trouble. Can you please spare and think of the people who do not drink, smoke and do pot. Can't bear the smell.
- I could potentially see it becoming a "party" site for kids. Would need to moritor closely.
- There will always be concerns regarding. Everyone's different and that includes how people react to alcohol. However I think the benefits out weigh the negatives.
- Lots of concerns, bad, unrudely behaviour, noise level, litter, & all of the above negative comments. People will drink & drive, raft, bike after drinking. Damage parks. I do NOT want liquor allowed in parks nor in outdoor public places!
- Allowing liquor means things could get out of hand, particularly with large groups. It could put the safety of other park users at risk. I often visit parks on my own and feel safe. Seeing people drinking (and what else?) will make me feel less safe.
- Yes, Please do not allow liquor at the parks. People get abusive, loud and using bad language, we do not need to listen to it. The parks were meant for us to go and relax and enjoy it them all together without drunk people. We will have more drunk drivers after
- Yes, many problems! I don't want my children exposed to liquor, and worried about how high levels of consumption will cause disaster and inappropriate behaviour.
- No
- No
- Potential waste - recycling bins need to be nearby
- Allowing consummation of liquor in parks equates to supporting drinking and driving. How much resources do we have to spend on enforcing the rules? Can we really afford to spend money the city does not have by opening this unnecessary Pandora box?
- as liquor consumption already occurs (discreetly) in parks, my concern is by making it "legal", the number of occurrences would significantly increase and would be done so to excess, resulting in disruptive behaviour and vandalism
- they would have to be cleaned regularly. maybe use said extra funds to provide for that while taking a small amount as provincial / municipal tax?
- I think this is a great idea that will add value to the user experience of Calgary parks.
- Just increased noise and damage/garbage in the parks. Maybe increased harassment of other park users.

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- n/a
- n/a
- somewhat concerned about a bad element hanging around.
- i think its a great idea.t
- No I think this is a great idea
- simply would like to enjoy going to a park with out worry of broken bottles drunken people there is already aproblem inour parks like this.
- Violence, drug use, guns, knives...with intoxicated people, becoming a hazard to others
- no
- No
- I am not interested in the increased presence of officers and compliance to manage the predictable poor public behaviour.
- Why are they designated? Less regulations.
- If done responsibly, I don't have a problem with it. The problem is responsibility _and_ policing. My tax dollars to enforce--really?
- Not really. Having lived in cities that allow public consumption in parks all I saw was a lot more people using the parks! As usual, places should be monitored to make sure everyone is behaving kindly and litter is kept under control.
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- I think its a great idea.
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- I don't prefer to visit a picnic site with my kids that allows consumption of liquor
- Let people have drinks in parks regardless of whether they have/are picnic sites. Frankly some of these rules are stupid. Was so nice to vacation in Montreal where you can drink at street festivals and parks in general.
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- So hard to monitor- I think it is a very bad idea
- Yes. Why is this a concern at all for any rational person? All over the states, and in europe, people are allowed to drink in public and nothing bad happens.
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- distributive and unwanted behavior by the minority that choose to take it to the extreme
- There are already concerns in the park areas. Litter and noise. Encounters with wildlife. I feel that liquor would frequently not be consumed safely, and it would attract teens. Police are already working to maximum.

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- I think it will only benefit people who typically consume alcohol responsibly, and wouldn't come with any serious harms. People who would be irresponsible with their alcohol consumption would likely do so whether permitted or not.
- I lived in Australia, where this is allowed everywhere. Never saw anyone getting out of hand.
- No
- As long as people drink responsibly, and aren't unruly, and don't leave broken glass, I am fine. Of course, this would open Pandora's Box for enforcement and associated costs. Best to avoid this issue. No alcohol in parks please!
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- It's just encouraging drinking in public and driving. There would just be more problems.
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- This is the worst idea I have ever heard. The city employee that came up with this should be fired.
- As long as there are locations to recycle bottles and cans, as well as potentially random checks for excess consumption I'm good with it.
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- The laws around alcohol consumption in general assume that people cannot control themselves, and government knows best. To me, this is not a complex issue at all. Trust that people can be responsible with consuming alcoholic beverages in public parks.
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- has to be a pilot as if the parks start filling up with drunks and bad behaviour that will need to be stopped. I think if liquor is approved then smoking, vaping and cannabis use has to be treated the same. Equally. Opening a big can of worms here City!
- The should move forward and be more progressive with this and get into 2019 mindset instead of staying in the past.
- It would be great to allow liquor consumption at designated picnic sites. Our summer is already short enough, why not allow us fully enjoy the weather?
- All lot of problems!
- Don't let a few bad apples spoil it for the rest of us. Most people are responsible. And don't forget to put bins for empties!
- Ensure more staff are employed for park maintenance
- No concerns. Let's get with the times and eliminate these restrictions!
- Same rules for public behavior and drinking and driving apply whether you are drinking in a public park or in your backyard. Seems common sense to allow it.

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- Sufficient bottle recycling receptacles should be provided for empties
- I believe most people will respect the picnic sites. There will always be people that will ruin things for the rest, however they will use those areas if it's legal or not.
- Don't allow. If unable to socialize for a few hours without alcohol, stay away from non licensed venues.
- Be sure to provide the proper recycling bins necessary.
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- nope
- No
- Yes. People who want to drink liquor should do so in their homes.
- No concerns. Lets get rid of this archaic, prohibition era nonsense regarding the consumption of liquor in public. It is culturally acceptable and reasonable to consume liquor in the outdoors and the city's parks should be no exception..
- appropriate waste managemnt shoudl be in place and random controls of appropriate use.
- While there are resposible people i feel that most will abuse this privledge and we don't need any more disturbances than already present. I also feel that there is enough alcohol consumed without adding to the problem of trying to enforce the law in park
- No
- No, we have excellent bylaw officers in terms of public safety but The City HAS to get more public year round washrooms as it is. Try to go for a run and need to pee? You have to beg to use a local establishment loo. A terrible way to be right now.
- No
- Yes, I am from country where alcohol aloud at parks. The Crime, Safety for others adults and especially for children is my concern. You have to find other way how to make money from the parks/picnic side. But not alcohol. Thanks
- No concerns
- Drinking is against my religion, I don't want to see people in parks drinking, causing trouble, and all the sinful things that come with drinking.
- Another ridiculous idea from Giancarlo, how can drinking in a public park be a good idea? More crime, more garbage, more damage to nature, less police officers to patrol it, no enforcement, just like the additional crime around the safe injection site!
- This will only encourage even more drinking and driving issues than there already are. You have to drive to a park, and drive back. No drunk driver patrols by the cops, will lead to more accidents. Ridiculous idea.
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- This will only encourage even more drinking while floating down the river. Allowing drinking while in the park, will have people floating down the river drunk. Then placing rescue personnel at risk while saving them.
- The \$100 deposit I proposed that is only refundable if the site is left in good condition would hopefully discourage people from trashing the site. There's always people who can't handle booze & would make unsafe decisions
- How can this be effectively controlled and managed? There is absolutely no way to deal with drinking, since there will be no additional officers, no additional bylaw officers, and only additional safety risks.
- There will be less safety in public parks, just like around the legal drug consumption site around Sheldon Chumir. It's dangerous around there now, another great idea by our council. and allowing drinking will only result in the same safety issues.
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- More garbage in the parks, will result in smashed glass all over, other garbage, the city already doesn't clean up properly, and this will only make it even worse. More damage to environment, impacting animals and nature.
- increased liability to the city. if someone who is drunk hurts themselves on city property, how it that going to be dealt with? Lawsuits and additional taxpayer dollars spent on defending themselves for some half baked idea that should never be.
- Increased belligerent and disruptive behaviour, I can just see a bunch of drunk fools getting into fights in the parks, just like in bars and nightclubs. how can anyone think this is a good idea?
- Stupid idea
- Should not be allowed,
- This is a ridiculous idea
- Be careful to make the law clear enough to not allow homeless drunks to pollute our parks with their highly offensive body odor and behaviors under this law. Perhaps require people to show photo ID proving their permanent address in the City.
- worried about litter , glass bottles. I would like non-glass only to be allowed in grass areas for booze
- See above. Also, your FAQ doc states: "Disorderly behavior and public intoxication is not, and will not, be permitted in our parks." Really? Will there be an increase in staff to ensure that this doesn't happen? I doubt it.
- I am concerned that a few people who drink to excess will ruin the experience for others. The remains of parties are already found at city parks (e.g.glass bottle shards).
- No.
- Please don't allow this. Our parks are well-loved and used and we don't need to encourage use by those who can't enjoy them without a drink. Leave the booze at home. Kids should not see that adults need alcohol to have fun in a park. Bad idea!

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- I would hope that good education is provided and clear messages are put out so that people are clear on what the new laws are surrounding these sites. Also it would need very strong follow up and regulation at first.
- It is very dangerous for everyone.
- Bad behavior
- Yes, people drinking still have to get home, risks of drinking and driving are still there.