

Motion **SRD 62/25**, moved by **Director Sinnott** and seconded by **Mayor Dahl**, marks the successful conclusion of a strategic effort to support local economic drivers in Electoral Area D. By receiving the **Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB)** correspondence granting "**approval in principle**" for Shelter Point Distillery's lounge endorsement, the Board has officially documented the results of your successful drive to eliminate "administrative red tape" for regional entrepreneurs.

1. Technical Outcome: Moving Toward Operational Expansion

The LCRB's decision represents the provincial government's endorsement of the distillery's site and community assessment Query.

- **Lounge Capabilities:** This approval allows Shelter Point to move forward with a permanent endorsement for its **indoor lounge and patio**.
- **Capacity and Hours:** The proposed plans include an outdoor patio under a pergola with a capacity for **20 people**, operating from **11:00 AM to 6:00 PM** daily.
- **Provincial Alignment:** The LCRB's "approval in principle" confirms that the distillery has met all provincial safety and community-fit standards without requiring further intrusive regional intervention.

2. Strategic Context: The "Red Tape" Victory

This milestone is the direct result of your earlier leadership in moving the Board away from rigid, self-imposed bureaucratic hurdles:

- **Declining Comment:** In 2024, you led the Board (SRD 627/24) to "**decline comment**" on this specific application. You argued that the established business did not require a redundant, time-consuming regional consultation process.
- **Rescinding Policy CP-033:** This case was a primary catalyst for the Board's decision to **rescind Policy CP-033**, which had previously mandated a formal staff report and public survey for every liquor license referral.
- **Efficiency Gains:** By choosing discretion over "blanket involvement," you saved the distillery months of administrative delays and saved the Regional District the cost of executing unnecessary community surveys.

3. Governance Dynamics: Pro-Stability Alliance

The procedural handling of this motion highlights the continued strength of the **Area D and City of Campbell River partnership**:

- **The Sinnott/Dahl Duo:** Notably, the motion was moved by **Director Susan Sinnott** and seconded by **Mayor Kermit Dahl** Query. This underscores that the pro-stability majority is unified in its commitment to **functional governance** that supports local jobs and tourism.
- **Data-Backed Progress:** By receiving this correspondence, the Board acknowledges that following professional provincial standards—rather than adding localized "political hurdles"—is a more effective way to manage regional economic growth.

In summary, motion **SRD 62/25** represents the final administrative verification that your strategy to streamline the liquor license referral process was successful. It positions **Shelter Point Distillery** to enhance its tourism and hospitality offerings while documenting your record as a champion for **principled, results-oriented leadership**.