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**Subject:** Gray Monk Estate Winery - Application for changes to lounge or special events area/capacity - File: R0000416  
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Thank you for your letter of September 18, 2025 informing residents of this application and feedback comments.

We are vehemently opposed to the approval of this application. As a resident living on Hare Road, we already have our peace and quiet of the neighborhood interrupted with music, gatherings with microphone presentations, speeches, clapping, and general people conversation and laughter, emanating from Grey Monk Winery and this is at a capacity of 65 people, to increase that capacity to 200 people would be devastating. We often have to go inside our home to avoid the noise associated with an event/function in the restaurant area. We understand that orchard and vineyard farming is important to the economy of Lake Country and readily accept the associated sounds. To increase the noise associated with increasing person capacity to 200 will bring intolerable related noise to a community that is increasing in affected population.

In addition to the intolerable increased noise associated with this application, we believe increased vehicle and people traffic will also negatively impact our neighborhood.

Regards:

Norm and Marg Leibel

[REDACTED]  
Lake Country, B.C.

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The two concerns I have are:

1. On site parking. The winery would need a significant increase in parking lot size to handle 100 cars (2 people per vehicle attending). Large buses would have problems negotiating the access to this winery
2. The winery currently has the restaurant which has a potential 200 person capacity and an events room that can sit approximately 50 people. Is the winery planning to add to this floor space?

Paul Flynn  
Okanagan Centre resident

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback on proposed capacity change at Gray Monk Estate Winery  
**Date:** Thursday, September 25, 2025 11:18:30 AM

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**RE:** Feedback on Proposed Capacity Expansion at Gray Monk Winery

**FROM:** Marie Molloy, Co-founder SAFR (Safety Awareness Friends & Residents)

SAFR encourages proactive road user safety measures be taken by Gray Monk and across the wine tourism industry by:

- offering voluntary breathalyzers for visitors to check their blood alcohol content before driving
- engaging taxi services or designated driver programs, and partnering with SAFR and other community organizations on awareness campaigns about responsible consumption and safe driving
- integrating ride-sharing options or having shuttles to help guests get to and from the winery safely
- arranging for local taxi companies or ride-sharing apps to help visitors find transportation when needed
- promoting responsible consumption by training staff to recognize signs of intoxication and provide responsible guidance on safe transportation options
- information and resource sharing with other wineries which can amplify the impact of safety initiatives across the wine tourism industry. In addition, it's come to SAFR's attention that large truck deliveries made at Gray Monk's lower property level on Camp Road are creating a road safety hazard. Because there is not sufficient space and access to the property for large delivery trucks, delivery drivers commonly stop and park transport trucks in the middle of well-used Camp Road to unload, which then forces other drivers to attempt to navigate around them on a curved, steep road with very limited visibility to on-coming pedestrian and vehicle traffic. SAFR appreciates this opportunity to provide feedback to Gray Monk's expansion proposal and looks forward to more opportunities to introduce and embed safer road practice initiatives across Lake Country's wine tourism industry.

Marie Molloy

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**From:** District <communications@lakecountry.bc.ca>  
**To:** marie [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 September 2025 10:07 AM PDT  
**Subject:** Public Notice of opportunity to provide feedback on proposed capacity change at Gray Monk Estate Winery

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# Public Notice of opportunity to provide feedback on proposed capacity change at Gray Monk Estate Winery

**September 25, 2025**

Residents and businesses are invited to provide feedback before 4:30pm October 7, 2025 regarding the Gray Monk Estate Winery application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch proposing application for structural changes to an approved lounge or special event area (capacity increase).

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Hi

I am a new resident to Lake Country. I live on [REDACTED]

I am in favour of the idea of Grey Monk expanding their approved lounge and special event capacity. Great addition for the community.

Thanks  
Dan Ruscheinski  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Grey Monk  
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Hello, I live in The Lakes at 2686 Cliffshore Drive and I am 100% in favour of the request to increase the capacity at Grey Monk from 65 people to 200. I see absolutely nothing negative about this request. I get friends and family visiting from all over the world every year, and I'd love to show off a newly enhanced winery and get those tourist dollars flowing.

Sincerely,

Lise Simpson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Grey Monk capacity expansion  
**Date:** Friday, September 26, 2025 10:29:58 AM

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I have three comments on this proposal:

- I am concerned about the impact of additional traffic on Camp Road. For some reason on this street some drivers seem to ignore the centre line. We have many times seen them wander across the yellow line, sometimes on a curve and sometimes not. As you know, this is a difficult street to navigate, and has no safety options for pedestrians and cyclists either.

- related to this, the entrance from Lang to Davidson/Camp continues to be dangerous. Poor/no sight lines from above the hill and from Lang to the left. If turning left off Lang, my solution of choice at this time is to step on the gas to get out of the way of oncoming traffic I can not see. It's definitely challenging, especially as drivers may be searching for where the next winery is as they drive. Our neighbours previously requested a mirror across the street; any improvement is appreciated and would be of greater importance with additional Grey Monk traffic. Related to this issue, in light of potential increased traffic, are the drivers speeding down our short street thinking the next winery is at the end of our road, then speeding back out - there are a number of younger children living on our street.

- with Grey Monk / Peller no longer producing wine on site at Grey Monk, per on-site staff, I'm surprised that increasing the non-farm use of the property would be considered by DLC/ALR, but I'm not familiar with the rules and requirements in this aspect. Definitely would be a further shift away from agricultural use of agricultural land.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

Dan Effa

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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I am not in agreement regarding the proposed application for structural changes to an approved lounge or special event area (capacity increase) to 200 persons. The increased traffic on Camp Road would present more of a hazard than the current traffic already is on this road. It is narrow and winding and in very poor condition, with a dangerous entrance/exit to the winery at present.

Parking would also present a challenge, having to be increased and taking away agricultural land.

Thank you for this opportunity to share concerns about this proposal.

Sally McRoberts

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
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To Planning Department, this is Jerry and Virginia Blaskovits and we live at [REDACTED] we are against the rezoning as we feel it will add way too much traffic for Camp Rd which already has too much traffic for the condition of the road. Also we already hear the noise from the existing lounge some nights , so now multiple it by 3.  
Sincerity yours , Jerry and Virginia Blaskovits  
Sent from my iPhone