

May 28, 2024

## Application for extension of Temporary Use Permit

My name is Robin Thibault. I am the owner of Willow Garden Weddings at 8997 Buckingham Rd. We have operated the wedding venue for 3 years, providing small, intimate weddings for couples looking for a unique wedding experience. I am asking for a 3 year extension of my Temporary Use Permit No. TU000071.

Over the last 3 years we have offered the property to numerous couples for their ceremony. We are a ceremony only venue with no structures/tents for banquets. There is no alcohol, nor banquet foods allowed on the property.

The venue is primarily used from late May until September. Our couples are limited to the number of guests due to the size of the venue. Parking is on site with limited parking on Buckingham Rd.

We strived during construction to source everything locally and continue to do so. Our benches came from a mill in Willow river. The rocks for the gardens came from a quarry outside the city limits, soil from a private company here in town. The arches were built by local contractors. We strongly believe that sourcing locally is a benefit to the community.

Willow Garden has hosted numerous couples from out of town. Last year alone we had a couple from Duncan, and one from Ladysmith. Our final couple was from Burnaby and we had 2 couples from Quesnel. The couples host guests that stay and eat in Prince George while they are here.

My neighbours supported my business in the past and continue to do so. Their lives have been impacted very minimally. The venue site is not visible to them and except for the cheer at the end of the vows, they hear nothing. Only one neighbour is slightly impacted with street parking, but she has offered to let overflow in her yard. We have no need for overflow, she was just being kind and supportive.

Thank you for considering my Temporary Use Permit Application for Extension. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,  
Robin