
Wine shop on Cook granted permission to operate from trailer

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The Cook Street Village Wine Shop will be operating out a trailer for up to two years during the construction of the Castana residential and commercial project.

Victoria council this week approved a temporary permit that will allow the shop to sell wine from a trailer in the parking lot of the Food Country supermarket, 230 Cook St.

The shop's current premises will be demolished along with a two-storey apartment building and various other buildings to make way for the Castana development at the corner of Cook and Sutlej streets.

Glenn Barlow, president of the company that owns the shop, 3DS Ventures Inc., told council the trailer will be sturdy enough to deter break-ins. Barlow said the trailer will be made to look attractive, with an awning and flower pots placed outside.

The 3DS company, which operates under the BC Wineguys moniker, sells Vintners Quality Alliance wines at outlets in the Cook Street Village and Oak Bay Village.

The store plans to relocate to the Castana complex when it is completed in 18 months. Developer Max Tomaszewski's Amadon Group is building 43 units of housing — condos and townhouses — along with ground-floor commercial space in a project valued at \$15 million.

