Endorsement of Events for Liquor Licensing purposes during the Council break - Events of Municipal Significance

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to authorize the City Clerk to process requests for designation of events of municipal significance for liquor licensing purposes until community councils resume their meetings on December 4, 2014.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the City Clerk to consult with Councillors on requests arising in their wards for the designation of events as being of municipal significance for liquor licensing purposes until Community Councils resume their meetings on December 4, 2014 and, upon agreement of the Ward Councillor, to advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) that the City has no objection to the event being declared an event of municipal significance.

**Financial Impact**

The recommendation has no financial impact.
ISSUE BACKGROUND

In 2012 the AGCO revised the licensing regime for special occasion permits so that almost all public events where liquor is sold require the City to designate them as events of municipal significance.

City Council has delegated the designation of events of municipal significance to Community Councils. The last Community Council meeting was held on August 12, 2014 and they will not meet again until December 4, 2014. That means that events in late summer, fall and the December holiday season will miss the opportunity to request designation as an event of municipal significance and apply to the AGCO for a special occasion permit.

COMMENTS

Since the August 12 community council meetings the City Clerk has already received requests for five events to be designated as events of municipal significance. These include sports and food events and arts and cultural festivals that add vibrancy and economic benefit to the City and may be very important to cultural communities.

City Council should authorize the City Clerk to consult with Councillors on requests arising in their wards until Community Councils resume their meetings on December 4, 2014 and, upon agreement of the Ward Councillor, to advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) that the City has no objection to the event being declared an event of municipal significance.

If City Council does not provide this authority to the City Clerk by resolution, there is a chance that applicants will not be able to obtain the necessary permissions to serve alcohol at their events.

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