

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM48.10	ACTION			Ward:All
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Extension of Alcohol Sales and Service Hours During the 2014 Winter Olympics - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been deemed urgent.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the extension of alcohol sales and service hours in the City of Toronto, in areas other than the Wards identified in Recommendation 2, to begin at 6:00 a.m. between February 20 and February 23, 2014 to allow local cafes and restaurants to take advantage of the economic opportunities of this major international event.
2. City Council, at the request of the associated local Ward Councillors, not include the following Wards as part of the extension of alcohol sales and service hours in the City of Toronto:
 - Ward 9 - York Centre
 - Ward 24 - Willowdale
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce a by-law substantially as set out in Appendix 1 to this Motion.

Summary

The 2014 Winter Olympics takes place between February 7 and 23, 2014 in Sochi, Russia - an event which Torontonians look forward to with a great deal of enthusiasm and celebrate with a tremendous amount of good will.

As with many major international sporting events, the XXII Olympic Winter Games represent an opportunity for residents to come together to celebrate and cheer for their country. As such, the Games also represent an opportunity for small businesses to host these celebrations.

The time difference between Toronto and Sochi has resulted in unusual match times. In

particular, the men's and women's medal hockey games will air as early as at 7:00 a.m. local time, between February 20 and 23, 2014. As a result, residents may wish to patronize local cafes and restaurants earlier than normal during this specific time period.

The ability to serve alcohol earlier than the provincial standard would allow business operators to benefit more from the celebratory participation of many Torontonians and visitors to the City. Under the Liquor Licence Act, the City may itself pass a by-law extending the hours of sale in all or a part of the City by holders of licences under the Act.

(Submitted to City Council on February 19 and 20, 2014 as MM48.10)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM48.10

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-66916.pdf>

Appendix 1 - Draft By-law

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-66921.pdf>