

## **Extension of Alcohol Sales and Service Hours During the 2014 Winter Olympics**

<b>Date:</b>	February 17, 2014
<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Economic Development and Culture
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to provide information related to the extension of alcohol sales and service hours during the 2014 Winter Olympics.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:**

1. City Council receive this report for information.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

### **COMMENTS**

At its meeting of February 19, 20, 2014 City Council will consider MM48.10 to authorize the extension of alcohol sales and service hours in parts of the City during the final four days of the Winter Olympics.

The intent is to allow residents to gather in celebration for the final few days of the Olympics and most notably the men's and women's ice hockey medal rounds. In addition to allowing residents to celebrate, such extensions are of economic benefit to the many local bars and restaurants who choose to host such celebrations.

Given the time difference, 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.

Under Section 62.1(1) of the Liquor Licence Act, the City of Toronto has the ability to extend the hours of the sale of alcohol by the holders of a licence during events of municipal, provincial, national or international significance. Under Section 62.1(3), such an extension does not prevail over any conditions that may be imposed as a condition of a licence.

While it is not unusual for Council to authorize such extensions, they are usually limited to specific locations. In cases where extensions are done province wide by the Registrar of the AGCO, they assume responsibility for inspection and enforcement. Should Council choose to approve this particular extension, responsibility for inspection and enforcement would fall to the City.

To address inspection and enforcement concerns, the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards has requested that the extension of hours not apply to any establishments licensed as "nightclubs", license category B97 (Entertainment district).

There may be some Councillors who do not wish to have hours extended in their Wards. Accordingly, those Councillors wishing to exclude their Wards from the extension may do so by requesting their Ward be added to Section 2 of the draft By-law.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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