

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Extending Alcohol Sales and Services Hours during the 2018 Winter Olympics Hockey Finals - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Bill 147 has been submitted on this Item.

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the extension of alcohol sales and service hours in the City of Toronto to begin at 7:00 a.m. on February 19, 23 and 24, 2018 to allow the public, and local cafes and restaurants to enjoy and benefit from the medal games.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce a by-law substantially as set out in Appendix 1 of this Motion.

Summary

The 2018 Winter Olympics will take place between February 9 to 25, 2018 in South Korea.

Torontonians especially look forward to the culmination of the hockey tournament with a great deal of enthusiasm and always celebrate with vigor in the City's neighbourhood bars and restaurants.

As with many major sporting events, the medal round of the hockey tournament represents an opportunity for residents to come together to celebrate and cheer for their team and country. It also presents an opportunity for small businesses to share in the festivities and host these celebrations.

Although most of the medal round games occur during normal business hours, some of the semi-final and final matches are scheduled to take place at 7:10 a.m. As a result, residents may wish to visit local cafes and restaurants earlier, or stay at their destination later to watch the game.

As of the writing of this Motion, these games could include the Women's and Men's semi-finals and Bronze Medal Games.

The ability to serve alcohol earlier than the provincial standard would allow business owners 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.

Background Information (City Council)

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Appendix 1 - Draft By-law

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-112377.pdf>)