

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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**Conditions for Alcohol Consumption in Stadium Tiered Seating - by Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation to provide exemptions, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol in tiered seating at stadiums, in accordance with requirements of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, Municipal Alcohol Policy and Parks, Forestry and Recreation permits.

**Summary**

Parks, Forestry and Recreation operates four stadiums that are host to frequent community events and large sporting events. As is the case with other large sporting venues in Toronto, there is often an expectation that alcohol consumption at these stadiums will be an option for those who choose to consume. The current version of the Municipal Alcohol Policy does not allow the sale and consumption of alcohol in tiered seating at City owned and operated stadiums. Event organizers are currently limited to designated areas of the stadium for the sale and consumption of alcohol. Parks, Forestry and Recreation has received additional stakeholder input and has been advised that this restriction could limit the game experience and potential growth of certain sports and organizations.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation has consulted with Toronto Public Health and determined that it may be acceptable to approve exemptions, provided the event and event organizer meet specific criteria, as outlined below, to encourage and support responsible drinking practices for individuals who choose to consume alcohol.

The event and applicant must demonstrate that all tiered seating requirements identified by Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario as outlined in the Special Occasion Permit application process, have been satisfied. The applicant and event must also comply with all other requirements set out in the Municipal Alcohol Policy and all conditions identified on the Parks, Forestry and Recreation permit. Further, an exemption will only be granted when the

event organizer has been permitted exclusive use of the entire stadium and entry is controlled through a gated or ticketed system. Additionally, the event may not specifically target individuals under 19 years of age.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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