

Endorsement of Events for Liquor Licensing Purposes

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To: Toronto East York Community Council

From: City Clerk

Wards: 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19

SUMMARY

This report requests that Community Council consider requests from various event holders for Community Council to declare events municipally significant, and for Council to endorse temporary extensions to licensed hours or areas, for liquor licensing purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. Community Council consider the requests for events to be designated as "events of municipal significance" listed in Attachment 1 and designate events as municipally significant under Chapter 27-152, Delegation to Community Councils.
2. Community Council consider the requests for extended licensed hours or areas listed in Attachment 2 and recommend to Council endorsements of extensions to licensed hours or areas.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications.

DECISION HISTORY

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) in 2012 changed the liquor licensing regime so that event holders must obtain an "event of municipal significance" designation from the City to get a Special Occasion Permit for most special events where alcohol is sold in an unlicensed public area. Exceptions to the requirement

include events held by charities or not-for-profits and nationally or internationally significant events such as PanAm. In 2007 Council delegated the authority to designate events of municipal significance to Community Council (Municipal Code Chapter 27, s.152-F). When licensed establishments wish to extend their licensed hours or area for a special event, the AGCO requires event holders to get the Council's endorsement and non-objection to the extension. This cannot be delegated until legislation is changed.

COMMENTS

Community Council deals with two main types of requests for endorsement for liquor licensing purposes, requests for events to be declared "municipally significant" and requests to endorse extensions to licensed hours or areas. Extended hours are required to sell liquor before 11 a.m. or after 2 a.m. Extensions to licensed areas must be for areas contiguous with the existing licensed area, usually a patio or parking lot.

Attachment 1 summarises the requests from event organisers to be designated an event of municipal significance. Attachment 2 summarises requests on behalf of licensed establishments for Council's endorsement and non-objection to extending their licensed hours or area. The original requests are included as communications.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Events of Municipal Significance requests
Attachment 2 - Extended Licensed Hours or Area requests