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WARD 9 • DAVENPORT | DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

April 14, 2026

## **RE: Implementation of O.Reg 1/26 under the Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 in the City of Toronto**

Dear Chair and Members of Executive Committee,

On March 17, 2026, the Province of Ontario announced an expansion of the liquor licence permit category for “bring-your-own” events (formerly known as tailgate events) to include cultural and community outdoor events such as neighbourhood festivals, movie screenings, art exhibits, and farmer’s markets. This creates new opportunities for local events across Toronto happening this summer, if they wish to participate.

In order to implement the expanded permit category created by this new regulation, Toronto City Council needs to establish a process for municipal designation of cultural and community events for the purpose of liquor licensing. As such, this item requests the City Clerk and General Manager, Economic Development & Culture to report directly to the next meeting of City Council with the required amendments needed to create a municipal designation process in advance of the regulation coming into force on April 30, 2026.

Enabling new ways to save on overhead costs for cultural producers aligns with the objectives of *Culture Connects: An Action Plan for Culture in Toronto (2025-2035)* and creating new opportunities for local small businesses supports the drivers of *Sidewalks to Skylines: A 10-Year Action Plan for Toronto’s Economy (2025-2035)*.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. City Council direct the City Clerk, in consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development & Culture to report directly to the April 22, 2026 meeting of City Council with any required bylaw or delegated authority amendments for the implementation of the regulatory changes made by [O. Reg. 1/26](#) for “bring-your-own events”, including:
  - a. Amendments to the Delegation of Authority for the Endorsement of Temporary Liquor Licences (as established by 2019.EX3.7 and amended by 2023.EX3.8) to include “bring-your-own” events
  - b. A definition of “cultural and community event” for the purposes of liquor licensing to include consideration to permitted Street Events, Special Events in City Parks, and Arts & Music in City Parks Events

2. City Council request the General Manager, Economic Development & Culture, in consultation with the City Clerk, to distribute information on “bring-your-own event” liquor application process to cultural and community event producers, including good practices to support small businesses.
3. City Council request the General Manager, Economic Development & Culture, and the Chief Technology Officer, Technology Services, in consultation with the City Clerk, to integrate information of the municipal designation process for “bring-your-own events” into the Guidance for Planning Events in Toronto webpage.

Sincerely,



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