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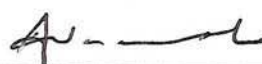


Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** October 21, 2009
From: W. Glenn McLaughlin **File:**
Chief Licence Inspector & Risk Manager
Re: **Olympic / Paralympic Games - Liquor Licence Applications**

Staff Recommendation

That the Chief Licence Inspector be delegated the authority to provide comment to Liquor Control and Licensing on Temporary Changes to Food Primary Liquor Licenses over the Olympic and Paralympic games period and Olympic and Paralympic liquor licence applications.


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Staff Report

Origin

The Province has introduced new regulations for temporary liquor licenses to accommodate the Olympic and Paralympic Games period. This report speaks to the role of local governments in responding to those liquor licence applications.

Analysis

On liquor licence applications or amendments to liquor primary or food primary licenses with patron participation or serving beyond midnight, the City provides local government input to the Province through a Council resolution indicating whether the application is supported, without support or no comment is offered. The application process is defined in the Development Applications Fee's Bylaw which calls for public notice on a given application.

Special Occasion liquor licenses which are temporary in nature are issued by Liquor Control and Licensing to accommodate liquor being served at special and short-term events which require only RCMP comment on the licence application.

For the Olympic / Paralympic games period, the Province has introduced an Olympic / Paralympic liquor licence available to eligible entities (those connected to the games). These are a *temporary* licence which call only for local government *comment* on the application within an abbreviated time period for processing (60 versus 90 days).

Under Council Policy 9308, Temporary Changes to Liquor Licenses – Short Term Requests by Licence Holders, Council has delegated the authority to the Chief Licence Inspector *to provide comment* to the Province on applications for temporary changes to liquor licenses to a maximum per applicant of:

- a. three consecutive days
- b. two applications in a twelve month period

On applications greater than these two forms, Council provides a resolution / comment to Liquor Control and Licensing.

Staff propose that Council relax Policy 9308 over the games period by authorizing the Chief Licence Inspector to *provide comment* to Liquor Control and Licensing on temporary changes to Food Primary Liquor Licenses in situations where there is no impact on residential areas within 100 meters of an establishment and traffic and noise in the area would not be adversely affected.

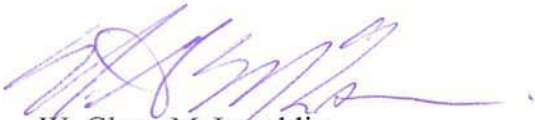
In addition, for the processing of Olympic / Paralympic liquor licenses the Chief Licence Inspector be authorized to *provide comment* to Liquor Control and Licensing on a given Olympic / Paralympic liquor license application.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

The Provinces accelerated time frame requiring local government comment on temporary liquor licence applications over the games period requires an amended approach processing local government input on temporary Olympic / Paralympic liquor licenses.



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