

**COUNCIL – MAY 27,2002**

**RESOLUTION TO THE ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION OF ONTARIO  
REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF HOURS FOR SERVING ALCOHOL DURING  
THE WORLD CUP – MAY 31-JUNE 30,2002**

**Recommendation**

Mayor Michael Di Biase recommends:

That the following resolution be approved:

**“WHEREAS** the summer of 2002 will see a historic hosting of the World Cup in South Korea and Japan; and

**WHEREAS** this is recognized as one of the most significant sporting events in the world garnering the largest television audiences for any broadcast; and

**WHEREAS** the host countries are in time zones that are far removed from Vaughan and several of the games will be broadcast in the early morning hours: and

**WHEREAS** many local Vaughan establishments will be open outside of usual business hours in order to broadcast these games; and

**WHEREAS** these establishments will not be allowed to serve alcoholic beverages, due to the time considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, in view of the unique nature of this event, the time zone considerations, the enthusiasm of local residents for the World Cup and the obvious desire to gather to watch the games regardless of the hour;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** for liquor licenses purposes City Council declare the World Cup to be an event of municipal significance and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission be so advised;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Alcohol and Gaming Commission give favorable consideration to those establishments that wish to apply for an extension of their hours for serving alcoholic beverages indoors, during this event taking place from May 31,2002 to June 30,2002, inclusive, beyond the times permitted under the relevant Provincial Liquor Licensing legislation.”

**Purpose**

The purpose of this resolution is to make the Alcohol and Gaming Commission the Commission of Ontario, aware that the World Cup is a significant sporting event and that the Commission give favorable consideration to establishments that may wish to apply for an extension of hours for serving alcoholic beverages.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Section 20.1(1) of the Liquor License Act, as amended, prescribes the hours during which alcohol may be served, as between 11:00a.m. to 2:00a.m. the following day. Due to the nature of the event and the venues from which they will be televised, several of the games will be televised outside of usual business hours. Enthusiasts of the World Cup will have the desire to gather and watch the games at establishments that are licensed to sell alcohol. As some of these games will take place after 2:00 a.m., local time, establishments will be prohibited from selling alcohol under the current regulations.

**Conclusion**

The resolution asks that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario give consideration to applications by licensed premises to extend the hours for serving alcohol beverages during the World Cup – May 31, to June 30, 2002.

**Attachments**

none

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Respectfully submitted,

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