

RE: EXTENDED LIQUOR SERVICE & CLOSING HOURS IN THE CITY OF CALGARY

COUNCILLORS SUTHERLAND, KEATING AND MAGLIOCCA

WHEREAS Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission regulations set the maximum hours of liquor service from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily with the consumption of liquor permitted on premises until 3:00 a.m.;

AND WHEREAS however, current liquor policy poses a problem for police who report that during weekend nights, resources are stretched to the point it is difficult for them to respond to critical incidents while dealing with the surge of common complaints at closing time, such as fights, noise and public urination;

AND WHEREAS as when bars simultaneously close at 2:00 a.m., large crowds leaving establishments are faced with limited transportation choices loiter on the streets in which case increases the opportunity for people to precipitate assaults;

AND WHERAS taxis in particular are left to deal with the sudden surge of patrons leading to inconvenience, which increases rates of public nuisance and, more dangerously, impaired driving;

AND WHEREAS Council recommends the implementation of staggered closing hours would decrease assaults that occur when a crowd simultaneously dispersing from the bar;

AND WHEREAS as staggering hours would reduce the number of patrons lingering on the streets competing for limited transportation where socially incompatible groups are most likely to precipitate assaults;

AND WHEREAS staggered closing hours would result in patrons leaving at different times, which would decrease the size of the crowd loitering on the street competing for a limited number of taxis at one point of time;

AND WHEREAS staggered closing hours would result in decreasing the high demand for limited number of taxis at one time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor send a letter on behalf of Council, no later than March 28, 2014, requesting the President of Treasury Board and the Minister of Finance amend the necessary regulations to change the maximum hours of liquor service to 3 a.m. and to change the time the consumption of liquor is permitted on premises to 4:00 a.m.

Councillor Keating

Councillor Magliocca

Signature of Member(s) of Council

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Sections 119 and 50(2) and (3), of the Procedure Bylaw 44M2006 states as follows:

- 119(1) A Member, wishing to introduce a new matter for consideration, shall submit the motion in writing to the City Clerk in accordance with section 50(2) of this Bylaw. A Notice of Motion must stand on its own and cannot have attachments. Supporting documents may be distributed at the meeting with approval of the Mayor
 - (2) On a Two-Thirds (10) Vote, the requirement for Notice contained in subsection (1) may be waived. However, the matter would then be considered as Urgent Business.
 - (3) Subject to subsection 50(2), all Notices of Motion received by the City Clerk shall be added to the Agenda of the next Regular Business Meeting.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - See City Clerk's website for deadline dates.

- 50(2) all submissions in response to advertised Public Hearing matters, the titles and report numbers of all administrative reports and the signed Notices of Motion from Members for the Agenda of a Regular Business Meeting shall be in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday, two (2) Thursdays before the Meeting. No late submissions from the public shall be accepted and Reports or Notices of Motion not received by the stated deadline can only be added to the Agenda as Urgent Business.
 - (3) when the date for receipt of submissions falls on a statutory holiday, the date for receipt shall be the following business day.

LATE NOTICES OF MOTION (URGENT BUSINESS - GREEN SHEET)

Late Notices of Motion are distributed to Council the Friday before the Council meeting as a "Green Sheet" Urgent Business item for information only, and require Two-Thirds affirmative vote to be added to the Agenda.

PROCEDURE AND FORMAT

Notices of Motion received by the deadline will be numbered and forwarded in the Agenda to the next Regular Business Meeting of Council.

The format for Notices of Motion is as follows:

TITLE OF NOTICE OF MOTION

SPONSORING ALDERMAN/MEN NAME(S)

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- e-mail copy to City Clerk's, Secretariat Clerk
- no justification to right-hand margin
- font Arial 11 pt.
- no attachments