

# Communication Update

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**Committee Date:** May 25, 2026

**Subject/Report No.:** Province-Wide Temporary Extension of Liquor Service Hours

**Ward(s) Affected:** City Wide

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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise the Mayor and Members of Council of a Province Wide temporary extension of liquor service hours for liquor licensed establishments for the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Games.

## Background

The 2026 FIFA World Cup Games are returning this year, with its largest tournament in its history, and the first to feature 48 teams playing across 3 countries, including Canada.

In the past, the Ontario government has worked in partnership with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to enable the temporary extension of hours for establishments that are licensed to sell alcohol for the duration of various global events such as the recent February 2026 Olympic Gold Medal hockey game between Canada and the United States, and earlier liquor service hours for the 2023 FIFA World Cup games.

Temporary extensions are intended to support local businesses in providing a safe and welcoming experience for residents, fans and the travelling community during national/global events that have significant economic impacts for Ontario municipalities.

## Details

On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario approved a temporary extension of liquor sale and service hours until 4:00 am across Ontario.

The extension of hours applies to any licensed premises with an eligible liquor sales licence. The approved extension is only permitted for the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup games, which begin June 11, 2026, and conclude on July 19, 2026 (extension of service ends at 4:00 am on the morning of July 20, 2026). The standard service start time of 9:00 am remains unchanged.

Responsible sale and service of alcohol remains mandatory. All liquor licensees must continue to comply with the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 (LLCA)*, its regulations and the Registrar's standards and requirements.

Standard service hours from 9:00 am to 2:00 am will resume as of 9:00 am on July 20, 2026.

## Next Steps

A municipality may formally object to the extension by submitting a Municipal Resolution or letter from the City Clerk (to [municipal@agco.ca](mailto:municipal@agco.ca)). If a municipality objects, the standard hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 am will remain in effect in those municipalities.

A list of municipalities where the extension does not apply can be found at the bottom of the bulletin at <https://www.agco.ca/en/news/temporary-province-wide-extension-alcohol-hours>