

Item No. 14.3.1

Request for Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Motion
Council or Committee: Regional Council		Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Subject: Resolution to allow special occasion license on Argyle Street		
Motion for Council to Consider: Halifax Regional Council <ol style="list-style-type: none">Grant permission to the Downtown Halifax Business Commission to serve liquor, subject to complying with the terms of Part IV of Administrative Order #53 and all other applicable municipal special event policies on Argyle Street between Prince and Blowers on or about November 4, 2017, the date to be subject to final schedule of the celebration of the renewal of Argyle Street.Request a staff report to begin the process to add both Grafton Street between Carmichael and Prince and Argyle Street between Duke and Blowers to Schedule "A" of Administrative Order #53.		
Reason: During the process of setting up the celebration of the renewal of Argyle Street the Downtown Halifax Business Commission and HRM Event staff identified that in order to allow a special occasion license in HRM that the space needed to be listed as approved in Administrative Order 53, Respecting Alcohol in Municipally Owned Operated Facilities and at Municipal Events. Section 7 of the AO allows council to allow also allows council by resolution to "permit the sale or service of alcohol, subject to this Administrative Order and any other conditions Council may wish to impose." This motion will allow the event to go ahead this year and start the process to add Argyle and Grafton to the list in the AO for future events. Letter from DHBC attached.		
Outcome Sought: To proceed with the November 4 th event and, in future, include Argyle Street between Duke and Blowers and Grafton Street between Carmichael and Prince in Schedule A of Administrative Order #53.		
Councillor Waye Mason		District 7

October 6, 2017

Councillor Wayne Mason
Halifax Regional Municipality
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Dear Councillor Wayne Mason:

As you know, work on the new Argyle and Grafton streetscape project is anticipated to be complete by October 31. This area, right at the front steps to the soon to be opened convention centre will truly be the heart of the downtown's entertainment district. We anticipate this will become a destination for events of various kinds. We have already received inquiries from event organizers as well as conference planners.

We plan on holding a grand opening of the streetscape on November 4. The day will feature a "ribbon cutting" ceremony by Mayor Savage, followed by a day of on-street activities, and an evening of live music.

We would like to have the evening festivities be licensed, for the sale of alcohol for this event, and as a possibility for future ones. We, and the Restaurant Association of NS, have met with Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming officials, who are working with us on an acceptable security and licensing plan for the event. We will be able to make arrangements that will be satisfactory to both Alcohol and Gaming as well as HRM's Special Events Task Force.

We are requesting that in advance of Nov. 4 HRM Council make an amendment to Administrative Order 53, respecting Alcohol in Municipally owned and operated facilities and at Municipal Events. We request that Argyle and Grafton Streets be added to Schedule A's list of areas where special occasion licenses are allowed.

Please advise if there is anything we can do to expedite this request.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

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Executive Director

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