

Attachment 1: Amendments to the Special Events By-law Recommendations

No	Current state	Recommendation	Reasoning
1	Currently, in the Special Events By-law, the definition of “Car Rally” includes the term “exhibition,” which results in the by-law capturing events where vehicles remain parked for display for the entirety of an event, such as classic car shows.	To amend the definition of “Car Rally” in the Special Events By-law by removing the word “exhibition”.	It was not the intent to prohibit exhibitions such as classic car shows as part of the provisions introduced to regulate nuisance car rallies.
2	Currently, in the Special Events By-law, the definition of “Charitable Event” excludes groups raising funds on behalf of a charity.	To amend the definition of “Charitable Event” to include groups that are endorsed by a registered charity.	The new definition will ensure that fee exemptions are applied consistently and are directed toward events that genuinely support registered charities.
3	The City’s Special Events By-law presently limits special events to a maximum duration of four consecutive days, allows them to occur only once every thirty days and caps the number of permits an organizer may receive for the same event at twelve per year. Any events that are not in alignment with those provisions require a Council-granted exemption (most often obtained by	To amend the Special Events By-law to remove restrictions on event frequency, duration and the number of event permits a special event organizer may obtain in a year and to grant authority to Director and Chief Licensing Officer of BCLPS to approve or modify event length and frequency in line with the best interest of the community.	To support event organizers by providing more flexibility, to reduce the need for Council exemptions for longer-term events, and to better support events that enhance the City’s cultural, entertainment and economic vibrancy.

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	way of a Members Resolution).		
4	The Special Events By-law provides general authorities of the Director and Chief Licensing Officer to impose special permit conditions to ensure the health and safety of the public or to control any potential nuisances.	To amend the Special Events By-law to make clear the scope of the Director's discretion, including the discretion to approve the length and frequency of an event, require noise controls and impose any other conditions towards ensuring the health and safety of the public and to prevent any potential nuisances from the event.	To support the aforementioned recommendations while still ensuring health and safety of the public and mitigating any potential nuisances.
5	The Special Events By-law requires technical corrections, including references to other City by-laws.	To amend various parts of the Special Events By-law to ensure correct references.	To provide clarity to the public and correct minor technical errors.
6	Under the current provisions of the By-law, when making an application for a special event permit that is intended to have alcohol service, the applicant must provide a copy of the Special Occasion Permit or the Liquor Licence of the venue as issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.	To amend the Special Events By-law to require applicants to provide a copy of any permit issued in conjunction with the event, or the Liquor Licence of the venue, as issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.	Clarifies that any permit or licence issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, pursuant to the regulations of the Liquor Licence and Control Act, that is relevant to the special event must be submitted by the applicant.