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Liquor Control and
Licensing Branch

**POLICY
DIRECTIVE
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To: All LCLB staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Government and First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: Variation of hours in areas specified by a local government or First Nation

This policy directive amends the September 2007 Licensing Policy Manual available online at: http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb/publications/index_pubs.htm

Background

Prior to December 2002, licensed establishments could not serve liquor past 2 a.m. In December 2002 regulations under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act were amended to allow licensed establishments to stay open until 4 a.m., subject to local government input and approval from the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB).

If a local government allowed closing times later than 2 a.m., then generally the LCLB would only roll back the hours of service of a licensed establishment as part of enforcement action against a particular establishment.

New Policy

Section 5.1.6 has been amended to outline the process for local governments that wish to roll back the hours of liquor service in licensed establishments.

Local government or First Nations can ask the general manager to roll back the hours of establishments in a particular area to 2:00 a.m. and no earlier, provided the local government or First Nation has passed a valid by-law requiring licensees to close at a time earlier than the time provided for on their liquor licenses. Prior to passing a by-law amending hours, local governments or First Nations must provide affected licensees with an opportunity to make submissions.

If the general manager is satisfied that local government has provided licensees with an opportunity for input and has amended its bylaws accordingly, the general manager will write to the affected licensees and advise them that the hours on the liquor licence will be changed within 30 days to be consistent with the local government or First Nation by-law.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free at 1-866-209-2111, or 387-1254 if calling from the Victoria area.



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