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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	March 6, 2002
FROM:	Marg Jones, A/City Clerk	FILE:	4320-80
SUBJECT:	Proposed Revision to Council Policy R-2, "Beer Gardens - City Parks"		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Policy R-2, "Beer Gardens – City Parks" be amended as follows, effective immediately:

1) That the last line be deleted, namely: "Such limit will depend on demand and availability of park facilities, but generally approvals will not exceed six days for each designated community in Surrey per year."

10) That this item be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: "Beer gardens may operate between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. from the Victoria Day long weekend in May until the end of September, or between 11:00 a.m. and one hour before dusk all other times. Special hours of operation may occur with the approval of Council."

BACKGROUND

With Council and Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission encouragement, staff members are entering into more partnerships with the community regarding park operations and capital improvements. The Beer Gardens provide an opportunity for sport associations to fundraise for charitable or civic purposes while controlling the illegal consumption of alcohol in parks. Lengthening of the hours of operation during the summer months and removing the maximum number of events that can be supported within the City of Surrey are two major areas that have been suggested by sports organizations and supported by the following:

- the Outdoor Sports Advisory Committee
- the Surrey Sport Tourism Committee
- the City of Surrey's Beer Garden Committee
- the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission

CONCLUSION

At its meeting held February 20, 2002, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission endorsed the above recommendation for Council's approval. The recommended changes to the policy will ensure the City is still able to permit Beer Gardens in a controlled manner, yet will enable the community to assist with park operation and capital improvements through fundraising.

Attached is a copy of existing policy R-2, "Beer Gardens – City Parks".

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