



## TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

### ROSEDALE HALL ALCOHOL POLICY

#### A. THE LIQUOR LICENSE ACT AND IT'S ENFORCEMENT

It is the responsibility of the license holder to ensure the common law according to the Act is enforced. However, we are finding that the LCBO officers are visiting and scrutinizing the bar operations of halls serving alcohol with Special Occasion Permits, with frequency and interest. This Act is complicated and far reaching with regard to the operation of licensed functions at the Rosedale Hall. Items of Particular concern are as follows:

- i. Section 43 LLA makes it an offense for anyone to sell or supply alcohol to “a person in or apparently in an intoxicated condition”.
- ii. It is an offense to be intoxicated in a public place.
- iii. It is an offense to sell alcohol to any person under the age of 19 years.
- iv. It is an offense to allow an intoxicated person access to, or to remain in a licensed establishment.

#### B) LIABILITY

It is clearly evident that the judicial system believes that the license holder has a “duty to control”. Should a person become intoxicated while at a licensed event at Rosedale Hall or be allowed to enter the Hall while in an intoxicated state and then be served, the license holder is responsible for the safety of the patron and anyone he comes in contact with as long as the state of intoxication exists. Should the person injure himself or some one else, the license holder can be held liable.

#### C) PRINCIPLES OF THE POLICY

Because of the liability mentioned above and the responsibility of the license holder, the Township of Montague has established rules and regulations for licensed functions at Rosedale Hall.

- i. Persons who are under the age of majority (19) are not permitted to consume or possess alcohol at Rosedale Hall.
- ii. It is an offense to be intoxicated at a licensed function.
- iii. No person in an apparent intoxicated state shall be allowed access to a licensed event. The bartender/s shall be the sole judge of apparent intoxication.
- iv. No person shall be served to the point of intoxication, or apparent intoxication. The bartender/s shall be the sole judge of apparent intoxication.
- v. Should a person become intoxicated while at a licensed event, they will be served no more alcohol.
- vi. Drinking contests will not be permitted or tolerated at a licensed event.
- vii. A person exhibiting signs of apparent aggression and/or negative behavior, will/may be removed from a licensed area. The bartender/s shall be the sole judge of such behavior.
- viii. No shooters shall be served.
- ix. Prior to closing the bar, an announcement will be made. "Bar will be closing in 15 minutes".
- x. Bar staff have the right and obligation to refuse service to a person.
- xi. A maximum of two drinks may be served for personal consumption to one person at a time. No "DOUBLES" shall be served.
- xii. Bartender/s are to promote responsible consumption of alcohol. ie. Suggesting, non-alcoholic breather rounds, etc.
- xiii. Bar staff shall not consume alcohol while on duty.
- xiv. Should the need arise, police officers will be contacted to provide security for patrons at the Hall. The bartender/s will be the sole judge to contact those authorities.
- xv. Bottled and canned beer will be served in cups. Bottles and cans will not leave the bar.

D) SUMMARY

We believe, through the co-operation of the license holder, the Township of Montague and the Bartender/s, that responsible use of alcohol at the Rosedale Hall will result.

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