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## Betting parlour allowed extended hours

Heritage Champions off-track betting parlour on Markham Main Street has won its battle for extended hours Friday and Saturday nights so patrons can see live horse racing from Australia.

The betting parlour will now be open until 1:30 a.m. weekend nights, a half-hour earlier than the current liquor law allows the serving of alcohol.

It was a victory for owner Leslie Patterson, who was denied permission last

October to run her operation until 5:30 a.m. to broadcast races from Hong Kong.

Markham council noted York Regional Police have not responded to any calls related to the business and Ms Patterson also had the support of the Old Markham Village Ratepayers.

Only Mayor Don Cousens and Ward 7 Councillor Khalid Usman voted against the extension.

— Kathleen Griffin

## IMAGINING A WEEKEND CRUISE

Craig Banister takes to the wheel of his modified 1965 Shelby Cobra during 2003 Spring Cruise fundraiser with car show and barbecue at Shoppes of Unionville last Saturday. All funds raised at the event went to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation.

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