



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee
From: Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw 7148**
Amendment Bylaw 7316

Date: December 7, 2001
File: 0107-10-01

Staff Recommendation

That Bylaw 7316 which amends Schedule A of Business Regulation Bylaw 7148 to include Unit 101 – 4411 No 3 Road among the geographic areas in which a video arcade may operate, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning

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Staff Report

Origin

Staff have received an application for the establishment of a video arcade (amusement centre) at:

Unit 101 – 4411 No 3 Road. (100 machines).

Video arcades are currently restricted to locations specified in Schedule A of the Business Regulation Bylaw 7148. The proposed site is not identified in the Bylaw.

Analysis

The subject property is currently zoned Automobile – Oriented Commercial District (C6), A classification which permits, among other uses, commercial entertainment.

Video arcades fall within the ambit of commercial entertainment.

Until recently, the “ conventional “ arcade has used standard amusement machines for playing games, and the City has imposed strict operating hours within which arcades would be permitted to operate.

Over the last couple of months businesses have opened up as “ Internet Cafes “, where a coffee shop operates, complete with computers for customers to go on the internet, for a fee, while having coffee and snacks.

However, site visits by staff identified that these establishments are in fact operating game playing amusement machines for a fee.

By operating on the pretext of an “Internet Café “, these establishments felt that they could operate without any hours of operation restrictions or any need to adhere to the Amusement Centre regulations in the Business Regulation Bylaw.

Staff have taken the position that they are indeed arcades, and that they would require Council approval to operate. To date Council has approved the locations for fourteen such establishments, and this report is for an additional location which has made application to the City to be considered a Video Arcade and to comply with all the requirements in the Business Regulation Bylaw.

Financial Impact

Nil.

Conclusion

The concept of the “ Internet Café “ is fairly new, and is growing in popularity, as the fourteen previously approved locations, and this new request can attest, and is expected to continue.

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Staff feel that such establishments should be regulated in the same manner as the conventional arcades to create a level playing field and to control the hours of operation, and can offer no reason why the application presented to operate a video arcade should not be favourably considered.



Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning

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**Business Regulation Bylaw 7148
Amendment Bylaw 7316**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Business Regulation Bylaw 7148 is amended by adding to Schedule "A" in alphabetical order:

#101 – 4411 No. 3 Road;

and that the existing addresses be renumbered accordingly.
2. This Bylaw is cited as "**Business Regulation Bylaw 7148, Amendment Bylaw 7316.**"

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

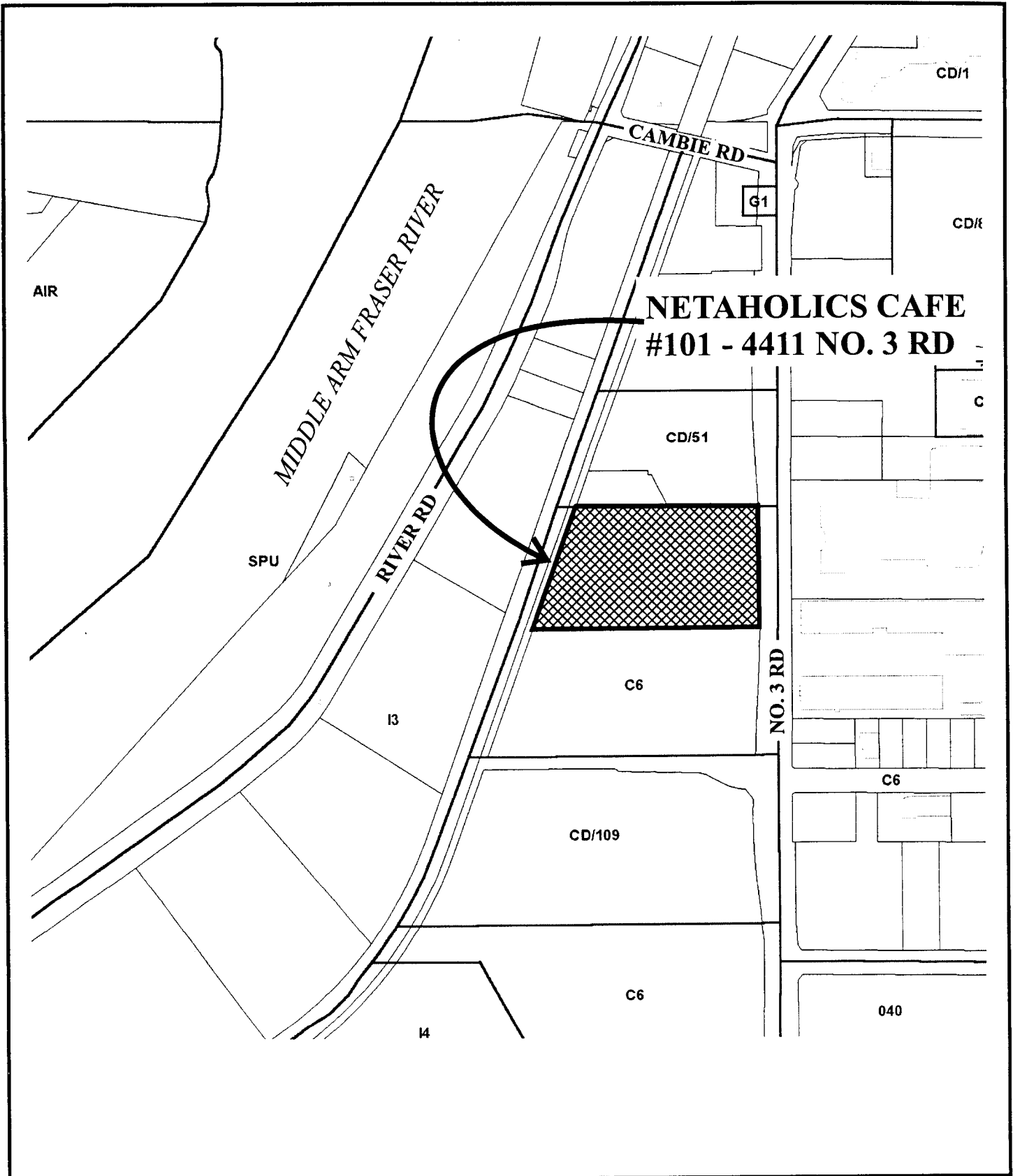
THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
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MAYOR

CITY CLERK



NETAHOLICS CAFE
#101 - 4411 NO. 3 RD



4411 No. 3 Road

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Original Date: 12/10/01

Revision Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES