



REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Richmond City Council
FROM: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt, Chair
General Purposes Committee
RE: BILLIARD/POOL HALL CLOSING HOURS

DATE: February 24th, 2000
FILE: 8060-20-7090

The General Purposes Committee, at its closed meeting held on Monday, February 21st, 2000, considered the attached report, and recommends as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (1) *That Bylaw No. 7090, which amends the Business Regulation Bylaw to amend the operating hours for Billiard/Pool Halls, be introduced and given first, second and third readings, with an amendment to:*
 - (a) *delete the hours set out in subsection 5.1.1, and to substitute the following:*

Monday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight; and
 - (b) *add the following as subsection 5.1.3,*

5.1.3 A billiard/pool hall operator must ensure that there are no customers on the billiard/pool hall premises except during the hours specified in subsection 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, whichever is applicable.
- (2) *That staff report to Council, through the General Purposes Committee, in 6 months time on whether complaints have been received from residents living in the area of the Oscar Billiard facility with respect to the change in the hours of operation for this business.*

Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt, Chair
General Purposes Committee

Attach.

VARIANCE

Please note that the staff recommended Part 1 only, and that clauses (a) and (b) of Part 1 above and Part 2 were added as a result of the Committee meeting.

STAFF REPORTORIGIN

A recent amendment to the Business Regulation Bylaw reduced the hours of Billiard / Pool Halls in all Zones except Automobile-Orientated Commercial District (C6). Delegations to the General Purposes Committee suggested that this was unfair to those premises in the other Zones particularly those in the Downtown Commercial Zone (C7). As well, the operator of Oscar Billiards at No. 4 Road and Steveston Highway, made another plea for longer hours at his location. On the other hand, some of the neighbours have asked the City to retain the hours as they are currently.

FINDINGS OF FACT

There are currently Billiards and Pool Halls with active or pending Business Licences:

	<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Current Zoning</u>
1.	Richmond Snooker City	#110 – 3311 No. 3 Road	C6
2.	Top Gun Bowling Centre	1500-4151 Hazlebridge Way	CD/86
3.	Hi Light Billiards	#110 – 7771 Alderbridge	I4
4.	Top Ten Snooker and Karaoke	8160 Lansdown Road	C7
5.	Cute Cue Inc	6220 No. 3 Road	C7
6.	Hot Shot Billiards	#140-4731 Garden City Road	C6
7.	Oscar Billiards	#100-10811 No. 4 Road	C3
8.	Exotic Zone Pool Hall	4351 No. 3 Road	CD/51

As can be seen, the only Billiard/Pool Hall that is currently in the C3 Zone is Oscar Billiards at Steveston Highway and No. 4 Road (see attached map). As C3 is the Community Commercial Zone, which is normally situated near residential zones, there is some justification for having more restrictive hours than for those located in larger malls or in the downtown area.

ANALYSIS

The only zone that currently permits the longer operating hours is C6; which requires closing times of 1:00 a.m. on weekdays and 2:00 a. m. on weekends. There is no reason why all Billiard/Pool halls in the predominately commercial zones should not have the same operating hours as those in the C6 zone, and the attached Bylaw 7090 amends the Business Regulation Bylaw to permit this.

In the case of those Billiard / Pool Halls located in Community Commercial Zones (C3), the hours should be more restricted, as this zone is predominately designed for smaller commercial developments near or in predominately residential neighbourhoods.

Bylaw 7090 retains the current closing hours for Billiard / Pool Halls in this zone at 11:00 p.m. on weekdays, and allows openings to 1:00 a.m. on weekends.

At a later date, Council has the option of changing the hours back to the more restricted hours in the event that the late weekend openings cause too much disturbance to the neighbours of these establishments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

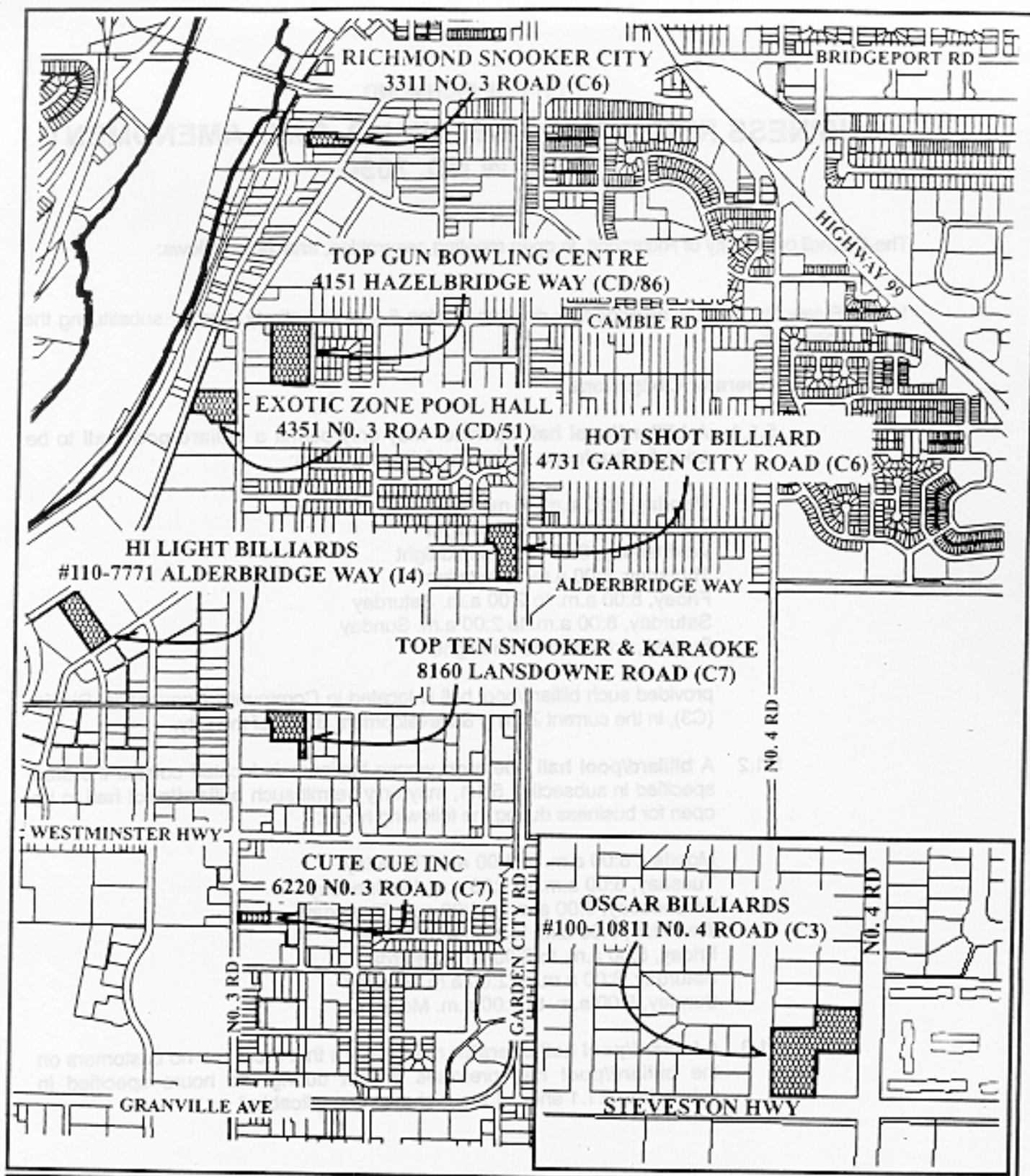
None.

CONCLUSION

Billiard/Pool Halls located in predominately commercial areas should all be subject to the same closing hours and those in predominately residential areas should have somewhat more restricted hours, and Bylaw 7090 accomplishes this goal.

Paul Kendrick
City Solicitor

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Billiard Hall Locations

Original Date: 02/24/98

Revision Date: 02/11/00

Note: Dimensions are in METRES

CITY OF RICHMOND
**BUSINESS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6902, AMENDMENT
BYLAW NO. 7090**

The Council of the City of Richmond, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 6902 is amended by deleting section 5.1 in its entirety, and by substituting the following:

“5.1 Operator Obligations

- 5.1.1 A **billiard/pool hall operator** may only permit a **billiard/pool hall** to be open for **business** during the following hours:

Monday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight,

provided such billiard/pool hall is located in Community Commercial District (C3), in the current Zoning & Development Bylaw of the City.

- 5.1.2 A **billiard/pool hall operator**, whose business is located outside the area specified in subsection 5.1.1, may only permit such **billiard/pool hall** to be open for business during the following hours:

Monday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tuesday
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Wednesday
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Thursday
Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Friday
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday.

- 5.1.3 A **billiard/pool hall operator** must ensure that there are no customers on the **billiard/pool hall** premises except during the hours specified in subsection 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, whichever is applicable.”

2. This bylaw is cited as “**Business Regulation Bylaw No. 6902, Amendment Bylaw No. 7090**”.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept.
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor

MAYOR

CITY CLERK