



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council
From: Jim Bruce
General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
Date: March 17, 2004
File: 8060-20-7048
Re: Suspension of Business Licence for Game Station Entertainment Ltd

Staff Recommendation

That Council suspend the business licence of Game Station Entertainment Ltd for a period of 90 days commencing March 29, 2004 through June 26, 2004 both dates inclusive.

Jim Bruce
General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
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Staff Report

Origin

The City continues to enforce its Business Licence bylaws and Public Health Protection bylaws with an emphasis on the operating hours and permissive functions within the business complex. These efforts for enforcement are part of our ongoing efforts to promote customer, community and employee safety and to ensure that all businesses are operating in a consistent manner so as to not prevent one business gaining an operational advantage over another business in the same business category. Various regulatory, protection services, health and federal agencies have worked together to ensure that business activities are operating within the various legislative parameters as established by these various agencies with an emphasis on the operating hours and permissive functions within the business complex.

Analysis

City staff continue to make unscheduled visits to entertainment establishments to ensure business operations comply with various legislative requirements. Many of these businesses, by the very nature of the business activity they provide, are open late at night.

Game Station Entertainment Ltd has been one of the many entertainment businesses that has been visited by staff that inspect these types of business entities.

Over the past several months Game Station Entertainment Ltd has continually ignored the City's Business and Public Health Protection bylaws. This business has, in fact, been issued three municipal tickets for various infractions. This business has also in the past been before the provincial courts for bylaw infractions.

The business was scheduled to appear before the City's Chief Licence Inspector on March 10, 2004 to review the continual disregard for the City's bylaws and to be afforded the opportunity to explain their actions. No one representing the business attended even though they were personally served with the hearing notice. A copy of the correspondence associated with this hearing is attached for Council review.

Having completed the review of all the material presented at the hearing, it is the belief of the Chief Licence Inspector that a business licence suspension is warranted.

Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact for the City.

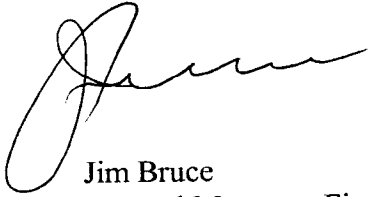
Conclusion

That Game Station Entertainment Ltd has continually ignored the City's bylaws and has received tickets for these infractions and has a history of past infractions and as such, the recommendation of a 90 day business licence suspension is warranted.

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The recommended suspension will be from March 29, 2004 to June 26, 2004 both dates inclusive.

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March 16, 2004
File: 8060-20-7048

Mr. Bob Cang
Game Station Entertainment Ltd
Unit 160 - 8611 Alexandra Road
Richmond V6X 1C3

Dear Mr. Cang:

Re: Business Licence Review Hearing

This correspondence will serve as official follow up to your business licence review hearing held before me at Richmond City Hall at 1:30 pm on March 11, 2004 in Room T.2.141.

Unfortunately, you did not appear even though you were personally served with notification of the meeting.

The facts from the City perspective were presented by Mr. Duarte, the City's Licence Inspector. The facts clearly indicate that you have been in contravention of the City's applicable bylaws (Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538) relating to the hours of operation. These bylaw requirements should be clear to you since you have previously been involved with legal proceedings specific to a similar offence.

I will be forwarding a report to the Richmond City council meeting on March 22, 2004 recommending a 90 day business licence suspension commencing March 29, 2004 through to June 26, 2004 both dates inclusive.

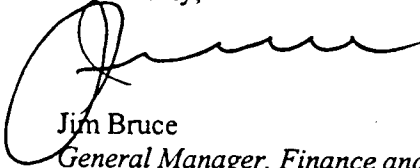
The Council meeting will commence at 7:00 pm in Richmond City Council Chambers and you have the right to appear before Council to debate the recommendations and to present your case as to why the recommendation should not be supported.

Should you wish to attend to present your case, please contact Mr. Richard McKenna, the City Clerk and he will detail for you the appropriate procedures to follow.


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Should you have any questions regarding this recommendation or process relative to the Council meeting, please feel free to call me directly at 604-276-4095.

Yours truly,

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Jim Bruce

General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services

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