



**CITY OF RICHMOND**

**REPORT TO COMMITTEE**

**TO:** Planning Committee

**DATE:** April 26, 2000

**FROM:** Alan Clark  
Manager, Zoning

**FILE:** 0107-10-01

**RE: Business Regulation Bylaw No 6902.  
Amendment Bylaw No 7068.**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Bylaw No 7068 which amends Schedule A of Business Regulation Bylaw No 6902 to include #1085-8580 Alexandra Road and #100-5960 Minoru Boulevard among the geographical 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 has received an application for the establishment of a video arcade (amusement centre ) at the following locations:

1085-8580 Alexandra Road, and 100-5960 Minoru Boulevard.

Video arcades are currently restricted to locations specified in Schedule A of the Business Regulation Bylaw No 6902. The proposals are for sites not identified in the Bylaw.

### ANALYSIS

The property at 8580 Alexandra Road is currently zoned Automobile-Oriented Commercial District (C6), and the property at 5960 Minoru Boulevard is currently zoned Downtown Commercial District (C7). Classifications which permit, among other uses, commercial entertainment.

Video arcades fall within the ambit of commercial entertainment.

For more than a decade, it has been the practice of City Council to restrict video arcades having more than four amusement machines to locations within enclosed shopping malls. The policy was instituted as the result of complaints of rowdiness at establishments sited in strip malls, it was considered that unruly behaviour was less likely to occur where the arcade was patrolled and only accessible from an interior mall. Subsequent, however, to approval being granted for shopping mall locations, most video arcades have made entrance modification which have given them direct access to the parking lot. This is understandable since permitted operating hours for arcades extend well beyond the hours during which shopping malls are customarily open for business. Although what has taken place is not what Council had originally contemplated, staff is not aware of any serious behavioural difficulties which have resulted.

It should be noted that there are no locational constraints respecting other commercial entertainment uses in properly zoned areas. Billiard halls, cabarets and the like do not require, as a precondition to establishment, the further consent of Council

Over the past five years Council has approved the establishment of video arcades at centres that have no interior malls, with the only access available being directly from the parking lot.

The application for 8580 Alexandra Road is for a standard arcade layout in a centre that has no interior malls, so that the only access available is directly from the parking lot.

The application for 5960 Minoru Boulevard is an interesting one. The concept being an internet café, which would include computers with full connections to internet available to the public on an hourly rental basis. Then there would be a games room area with approximately 10 video games. This is a modern concept with advanced technology designed with the idea of Mum and Dad enjoying a coffee and surfing the 'net, while their kids play the video games. This location is in a four unit strip mall with the only access available directly from the parking lot.

On the basis of recent experience, it is staff's conclusion that trouble-free operation of arcades is less a consequence of access arrangements and more the result of good management and adequate security. Recent developments have proven to be well managed, and we have no reason to believe that these cases will be any different.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

CONCLUSION

Staff can offer no reason why the applications to operate video arcades at 1085-8580 Alexandra Road and 100-5960 Minoru Boulevard should not be favourably considered.

Alan Clark  
Manager, Zoning

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**CITY OF RICHMOND**  
**BYLAW 7068**  
**BUSINESS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6902**  
**AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 7068**

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

1. Business Regulation Bylaw 6902 is hereby amended by adding to Schedule "A" in alphabetical or number sequence, 1. Alexandra Road 8580 -- #1085, and 10. Minoru Boulevard 5960 -- #100, and that the existing addresses be renumbered accordingly.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as "**Business Regulation Bylaw No. 6902, Amendment Bylaw No.7068**".

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THIRD READING

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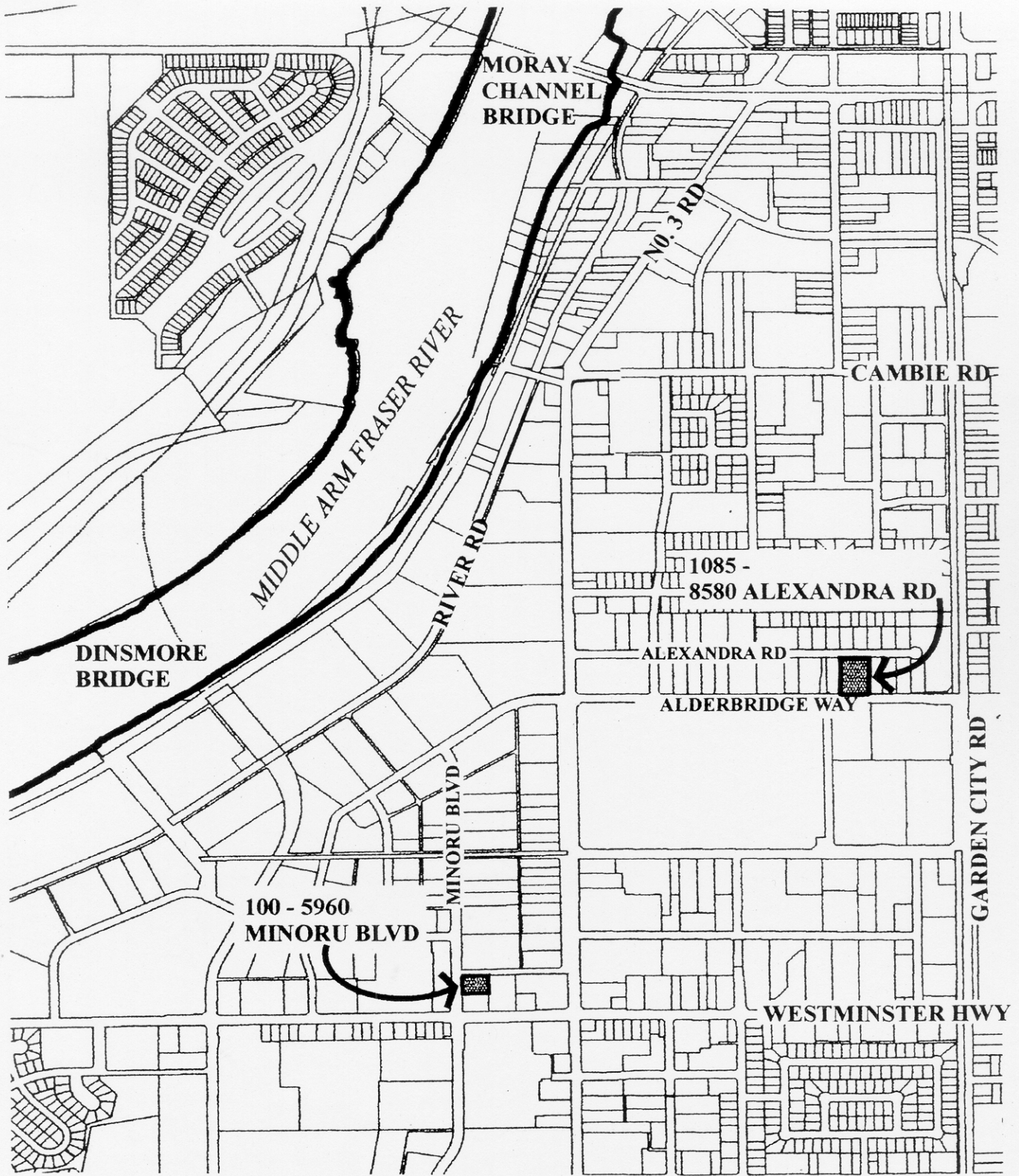
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<b>CITY OF RICHMOND</b>
APPROVED for content by originating dept.
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor

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1085 - 8580 ALEXANDRA ROAD  
 100 - 5960 MINORU BOULEVARD

Date  
 04/27/00