



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Finance Select Committee
From: Kiichi Kumagai
Councillor
Re: **Full Service Gaming Policy**

Date: May 22, 2003
File: 4040-04

Staff Recommendation

That Council Policy 5040 (Full Service Gaming Policy) be amended in accordance with the recommendations in the report dated April 9, 2003 such that the City policy be consistent with the Provincial regulations on this matter.

Kiichi Kumagai
Councillor

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Staff Report

Origin

On May 29, 2002 Council adopted the Full Service Gaming Policy (Attachment 1) after a public consultation process. The definition of a "Full Service Casino" in the policy reflected the Provincial Government policy of the day regarding the maximum allowable number of gaming tables, poker tables and slot machines permitted at a full service casino. Since the date of the adoption of the City policy, Provincial Government regulations and policy have changed and Council policy is now out of step with the new regulations and policy. The Council policy should be amended (Attachment 2) so that there is consistency in the City policy and the Provincial Government regulations and policy.

Analysis

By simply amending Council's policy on Full Service Gaming to reflect the current Provincial policy for a Full Service Casino, the City would become consistent with Provincial Government policy. This will ensure efficiency in our administration of Council policy such that we will not have to continually adopt changes in our policy every time a Provincial regulation or policy is amended.

Financial Impact

At this time there is no financial impact associated with this change.

Conclusion

That the Full Service Gaming Policy be amended in accordance with the recommendations in the report dated April 9, 2003 such that the City policy be consistent with the Provincial Government regulations and gaming policy on this matter.

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Adopted by Council: May 29/02

POLICY 5040

File Ref: 4040-04

FULL SERVICE GAMING POLICY

POLICY 5040:

It is Council policy that:

1. Richmond supports:

One Full Service community gaming casino in Richmond which contains:

- a maximum of 30 gaming tables,
- up to 6 poker tables; and
- up to 300 slot machines.

2. Gaming Review Procedures

That the following gaming review procedures be adopted:

(1) In Richmond

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- b) Council will specify the type of consultation at the time.
- c) The following factors will be considered
 - social
 - economic/financial
 - land use
 - transportation
 - servicing
 - environmental
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