



CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

TO: Planning Committee

DATE: June 20, 2000

FROM: Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning

FILE: 0107-10-01

**RE: Business Regulation Bylaw No 6902.
Amendment Bylaw No 7147.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Bylaw No 7147 which amends Schedule A of Business Regulation Bylaw No 6902 to include #140-7951 Alderbridge Way 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 #140-7951 Alderbridge Way.

Video arcades are currently restricted to locations specified in Schedule A of the Business Regulation Bylaw No 6902. The proposed site is not identified in the Bylaw.

ANALYSIS

The property at 7951 Alderbridge Way 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.

For more than a decade, it has been the practise of City Council to restrict video arcades having more than four amusement machines to locations within enclosed shopping malls. The policy was instituted as a 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 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 currently under consideration is for Unit 140-7951 Alderbrige Way. This centre has no interior mall, so that the only access available to the video arcade is 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 this case will be any different.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

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CONCLUSION

Staff can offer no reason why the application by Mr. Kelvin Tsang to operate a video arcade at #140-7951 Alderbrige Way should not be favourably considered.

Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning

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CITY OF RICHMOND
BYLAW 7147
BUSINESS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6902
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 7147

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. Alderbrige Way 7951 - #140, and that the existing addresses be renumbered accordingly.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as "**Business Regulation Bylaw No 6902, Amendment Bylaw No. 7147**".

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

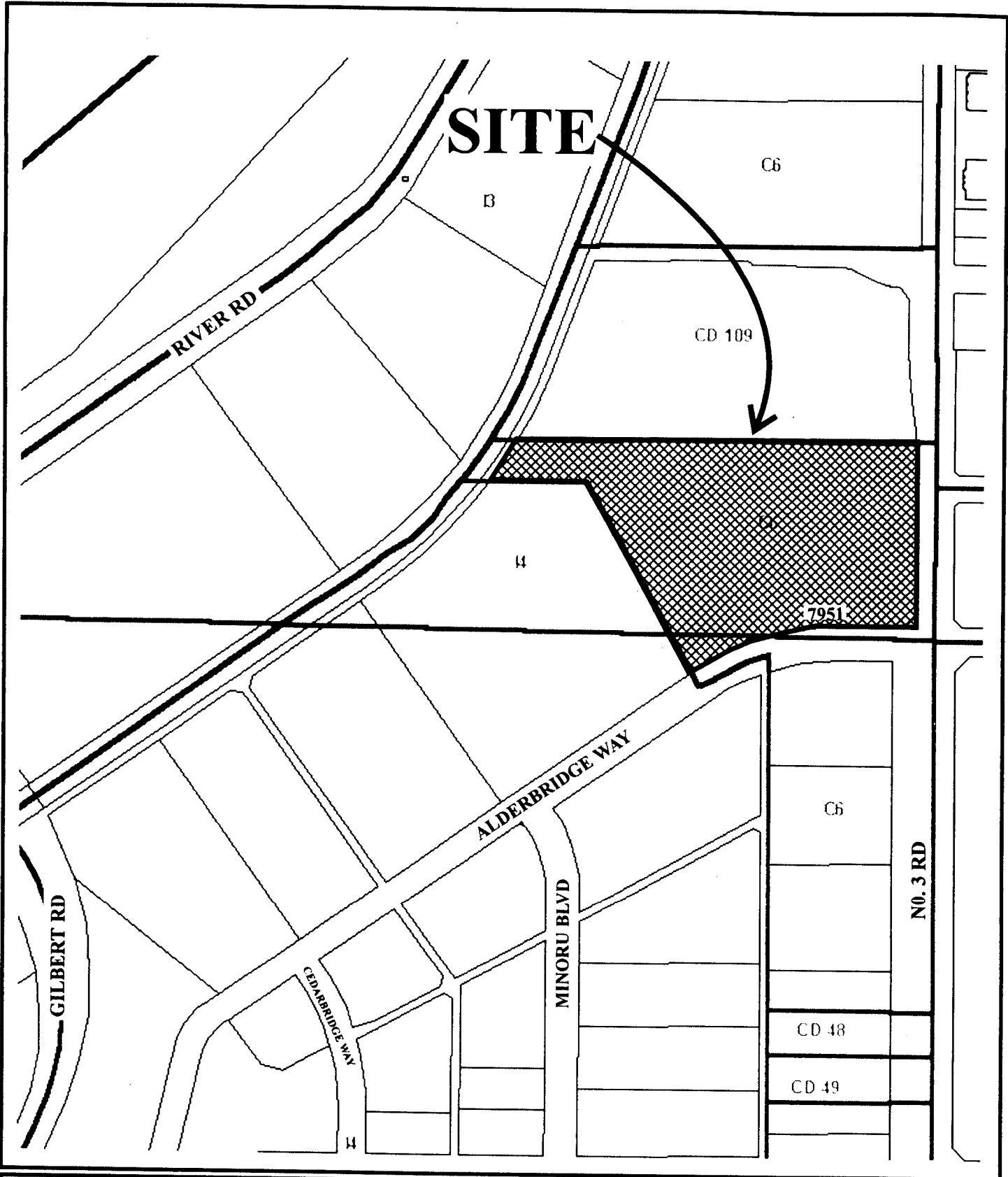
THIRD READING

ADOPTED

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK



#140-7951 Alderbridge Way
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Original Date: 06/21/00
Revision Date:
Note: Dimensions are in METRES