



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee
From: Alan Clark
 Manager, Zoning
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw 7148**
Amendment Bylaw 7557

To Planning Dec 3, 2002
Date: November 22, 2002
File: 8060-20-7557

Staff Recommendation

That Bylaw 7557 which amends Schedule A of Business Regulation Bylaw 7148 to include 7988 Alderbridge Way among the geographic 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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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
<i>J. CRONE (D. McLELLAN)</i>

Staff Report

Origin

Staff have received an application for the establishment of a video arcade (amusement centre) at 7988 Alderbridge Way. (50 machines)

Analysis

The subject property 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.

Until recently, the “conventional” arcade has used standard amusement machines for playing games, and the City has imposed strict operating hours within which arcades would be permitted to operate.

Over the last several months businesses have opened up as “Internet Cafes”, where a coffee shop operates, complete with computers for customers to go on the internet for a fee, while having coffee and snacks.

However, site visits by staff identified that these establishments are in fact operating game playing amusement machines for a fee.

By operating on the pretext of an “Internet Café”, these establishments felt that they could operate without hours of operation restrictions or any need to adhere to the Amusement Centre regulations in the Business Regulation Bylaw.

Staff have taken the position that they are indeed arcades, and that they would require Council approval to operate.

This report is for a new location which has made application to the City to be considered a Video Arcade and to comply with all the requirements in the Business Regulation Bylaw.

Financial Impact

Nil.

Conclusion

The concept of the “Internet Café” has taken off, and is growing in popularity, as the previously approved locations, and this new request can attest, and is expected to continue.

Staff feel that such establishments should be regulated in the same manner as the conventional arcades to create a level playing field and to control the hours of operation, and can offer no reason why the application presented to operate a video arcade should not be favourably considered.

November 22, 2002

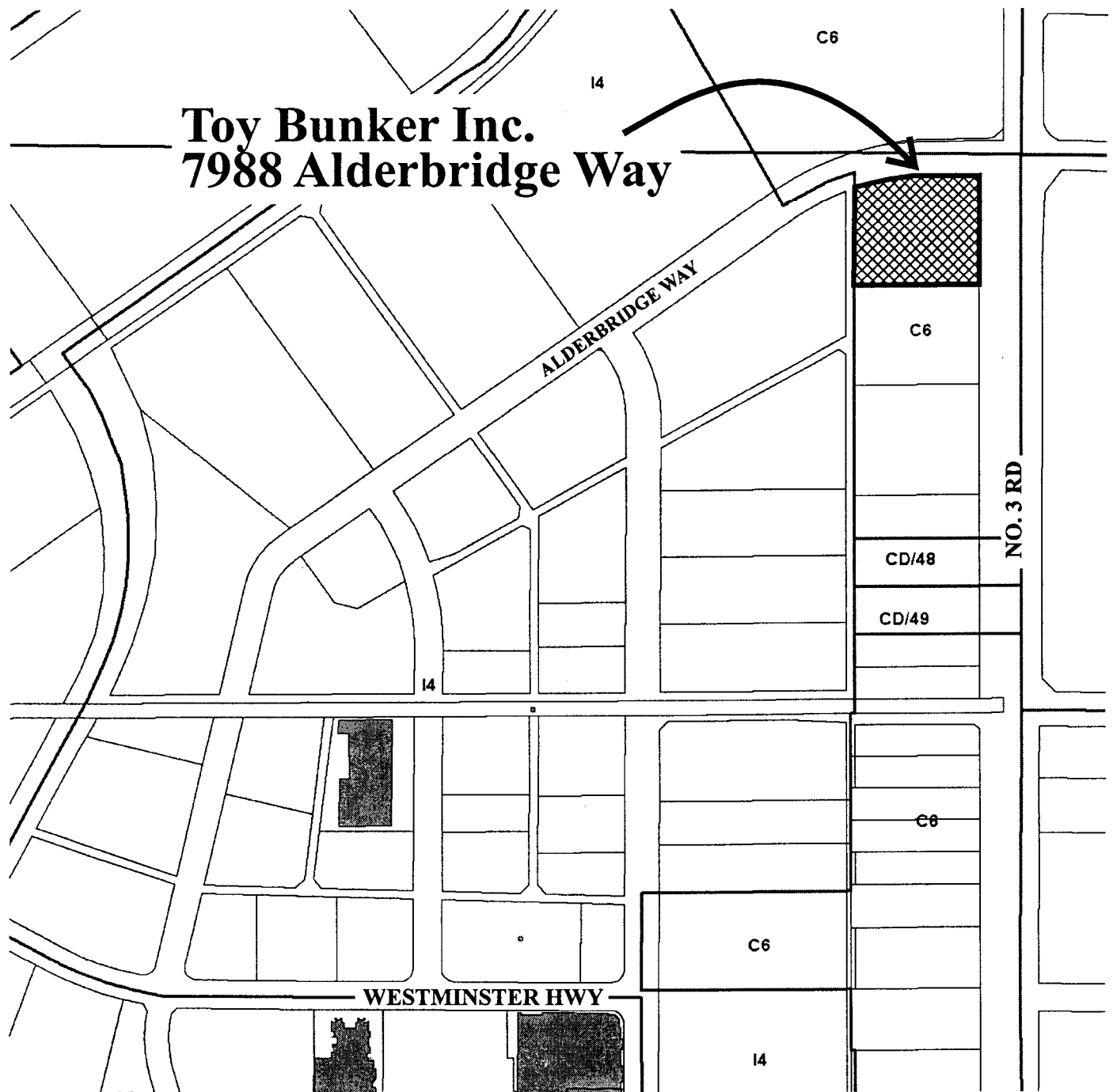
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Alan Clark
Manager, Zoning

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**Toy Bunker Inc.
7988 Alderbridge Way**



7988 Alderbridge Way
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Original Date: 11/25/02

Revision Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES

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 Roger Ramsumair & Alan Stampanoni
 185-9040 Blundell Road, Unit #264
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November 21st, 2002

CITY OF RICHMOND
6911 NO. 3 ROAD
RICHMOND, B.C. V6Y 2C1

ATTENTION: Alan Clark (Zoning Manager), City of Richmond Council Members

Re: Clarification on Internet machine(s) and the games we propose on providing.

Mr. Clark and Council Members,

As per your request, following please find the clarification of Internet computer gaming machine(s) within our business:

1. We look to provide our Customers a network of (50) computers that use the TCP/IP network protocols to facilitate data transmission within the computer systems. With these we intend to host several online games which are described below.
2. The computers **will not** be set up as to promote any gambling activities.
3. We plan to charge a nominal fee on a per hour basis to allow the use of such computers.
4. We plan to hire a Network Administrator to oversee all online computer gaming activities.

Following are the games we plan to host:

1. Black & White
2. Combat Flight Simulator 3
3. Everquest II
4. Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Raven Shield
5. Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell
6. Lionheart
7. Asheron's Call II
8. Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2003
9. Star Wars Galaxies: An empire divided
10. MechWarrior 4: Mercenaries
11. Medal Honor Allied Assault: Spearhead
12. WarCraft III: Reign of Chaos
13. FIFA Soccer 2003
14. Battlefield 1942
15. Jedi Knight II: Jedi Outcast
16. HALO
17. Counter-Strike: Condition Zero

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact us at numbers provided below. We hope that this information is acceptable for you, and council members, to arrive at a conclusion.

Sincerely,

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 Roger Ramsumair (604) 506-5801

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November 19th, 2002

**CITY OF RICHMOND
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ATTENTION: Alan Clark (Zoning Manager), City of Richmond Council Members

Re: Letter of request to rezone property at 7988 Alderbridge road for use as an amusement center. *cg.*

Mr. Clark and Council Members,

We would like to request a re-zoning of said property to permit us to open a small amusement center. The property in question is located at 7988 Alderbridge road. Our business will include the following items:

- × **Golf and tennis Simulators**
- × **(50) Internet gaming machines**
- × **(2) VR (Virtual Reality) machines**
- × **A small lounge serving non-alcoholic beverages**
- × **An ice cream parlor**

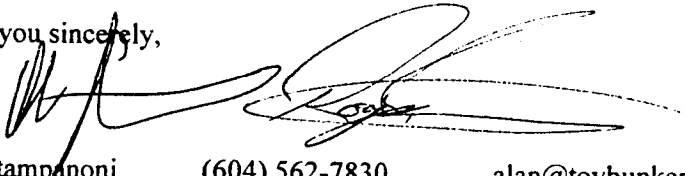
Our hours of operation will be consistent as per the hours stated, and required, by Bylaw #7148. Hours of operation will be as follows:

Sunday	11:00 to 01:00
Monday	11:00 to 01:00
Tuesday	11:00 to 01:00
Wednesday	11:00 to 01:00
Thursday	11:00 to 01:00
Friday	11:00 to 02:00
Saturday	10:00 to 02:00

Our plan for the business is to establish a decent meeting place for young people living within the Richmond Community. Our store will have an Art Deco Nouveau style theme which will be a perfect place for teenagers and young adults, if not adults themselves, to go and enjoy visiting. In light of what has happened between the City of Richmond and S.L. & T. Dynamic Enterprises Ltd. (Progamer), located at 4751 Garden City Road, we do not intend to disobey, in any form, the Bylaws of the City of Richmond. We fully plan, and are determined, to follow all stated bylaws. As a South Arm Community Consultative Group Member I was astonished to having heard, and read, that there are businesses that choose to break the law for simple monetary gains. In lieu of what has happened previously we trust that it will not stop us from having our dream become reality.

We await your results. If for any reason you happen to have further questions regarding our Venture please feel free to contact us at the following phone numbers provided below:

Thank you sincerely,



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Business Regulation Bylaw 7148, Amendment Bylaw 7557

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Business Regulation Bylaw 7148 is amended by adding to Schedule "A" in alphabetical order:

7988 Alderbridge Way;

and that the existing addresses be renumbered accordingly.
2. This Bylaw is cited as "**Business Regulation Bylaw 7148, Amendment Bylaw 7557**".

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept. <i>AK</i>
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor <i>[Signature]</i>

MAYOR

CITY CLERK