



To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** November 28, 2017
From: Cecilia Achiam, MCIP, BCSLA **File:** 12-8275-01/2017-Vol
 General Manager, Community Safety 01
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9798**
7951 Alderbridge Way Unit 160

Staff Recommendation

That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9798, which amends Schedule A of Bylaw No. 7538, to add the address of 7951 Alderbridge Way Unit 160 among the sites that permit an Amusement Centre to operate, be given first, second and third readings.

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Att. 1

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Staff Report

Origin

One of the categories of regulated businesses in Richmond is Amusement Centre which contains Amusement Machines, defined in the Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 as:

A machine on which mechanical, electrical, automatic or computerized games are played for amusement or entertainment, and for which a coin or token must be inserted or a fee charged for use, and includes machines used for the purposes of gambling.

The Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 restricts a business from operating with more than four amusement machines unless the location is listed in Schedule A of the bylaw.

This report deals with an application received from 1141176 B.C. Ltd., doing business as: JC Game Cafe (hereinafter referred to as JC Game Cafe) to operate 40 console game systems for online/offline gaming from premises situated at 7951 Alderbridge Way Unit 160. This premises is not listed as an approved address on Schedule A which permits more than four amusement machines.

JC Game Café is a new business and this company and its directors have no history with the City of Richmond. This location was previously occupied with a Pool Hall and Amusement Centre but recently moved to another location and was removed off the Schedule A of the Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538.

Analysis

Amusement Centre regulations and definitions cover different types of amusement machines such as 3D virtual reality computerized games, console gaming, computer games in the Internet Café and traditional arcades. Amusement Centres are a regulated business because of their potential to impact the community, including their historic role of attracting criminal activity. The City has imposed regulations to minimize this risk including restricted operating hours, prohibition on children under 15 to be present during school hours and rules prohibiting gambling, fighting, consumption of alcohol, etc. These businesses may be inspected from time to time to ensure regulatory compliance of the regulations.

As this business is new in the City of Richmond there is no history of any violations.

The location the applicant is intending to operate is zoned Auto-Oriented Commercial (CA), which permits among other uses, Amusement Centre. The unit is situated in a single-level commercial building on a multi-building parcel. This zone provides for a mix of commercial and related uses oriented to vehicular access. There are currently eleven commercial businesses operating on this property. Businesses range from various permitted uses such as: recreation, indoor; restaurants; retail, general; vehicle body repair or paint shop; car rental; service, business support and childcare. This property is situated at the corner of No 3 Road and Alderbridge Way, (Attachment1).

In addition to the bylaw amendment, the applicant will be required to ensure that the premises meets all building and health regulations before a Business Licence would be issued.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Amusement Centres are regulated under the City's Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 and staff are recommending that the applicant's request for 7951 Alderbridge Way Unit 160, be added to Schedule A of the bylaw to allow more than four amusement machines to be operated.



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Att. 1: Aerial View Map

City of Richmond Interactive Map



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Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9798

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, as amended, is further amended by adding the following address in Schedule A item 1.

Civic Address	Civic Number	Original Bylaw Reference
1. Alderbridge Way	7951 Unit 160	9798

And renumbering the rest of the current addresses in sequential order.

2. This Bylaw is cited as “**Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9798**”.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED

ADOPTED



MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER