



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: Amarjeet S. Rattan
Chief Licence Inspector
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw No 7538
Amendment Bylaw 8474**

Date: February 6, 2009
File: 12-8275-06/2009-Vol 01

Staff Recommendation

That Bylaw 8474 which amends Schedule A of the Business Regulation Bylaw No 7538, to include 4351 No. 3 Rd – Unit 175 among the sites which permit an amusement centre to operate with more than 4 amusement machines, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

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Staff Report

Origin

The Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Part Five, Amusement Centre Regulation, requires all businesses intending to operate an amusement centre with more than four amusement machines, to be approved by City Council and added to Schedule A of the Bylaw.

Staff have received an application for the operation of an Internet Café (Amusement Centre) at Unit 175 – 4351 No. 3 Road with **66 machines**.

The proposed site is not currently listed in Schedule A of the Bylaw.

Findings Of Fact

There are currently 13 amusement centres in the City of Richmond with four being Internet cafes.

Two Internet Cafés are operating amusement centres within approximately 50 meters of the proposed location.

- 1) Netaholics Café, licensed at 4411 No. 3 Rd – Unit #101, is currently licensed to operate 100 machines. Commenced operating August 1, 2001.
- 2) Space Rush Arcade, licensed at 4351 No. 3 Road – Unit #120. The same building as the applicant's, is currently licensed to operate 201 machines. Commenced operating March 09, 1998.

Analysis

The proposed property is currently zoned Comprehensive Development District (CD/51) which permits, among other uses, commercial entertainment. Amusement centres fall within the scope of commercial entertainment.

The City has imposed regulations including restricted operating hours which amusement centres must adhere to.

By definition, Internet Cafés are recognized as amusement centres. These businesses generally use computer stations which are Internet or networked to each other for the purposes of playing games within a group of individuals.

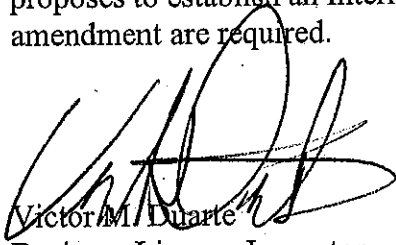
Richmond RCMP have been advised of this application and have no issues with this application that would warrant it to be denied.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Amusement centres are regulated under the City Business Regulation Bylaw. The applicant proposes to establish an Internet café amusement centre for which Council approval and a bylaw amendment are required.



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Business Regulation Bylaw No 7538, Amendment Bylaw 8474

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 is amended by adding to Schedule A in alphabetical order:

 No. 3 Road 4351- # 175;

 and the existing addresses be renumbered accordingly.
2. This Bylaw is cited as **“Business Regulation Bylaw No 7538, Amendment Bylaw 8474”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

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

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER