



City of Richmond


Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: W. Glenn McLaughlin
Chief Licence Inspector & Risk Manager
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw 7538**
Amendment Bylaw 9013

Date: March 14, 2013
File: 12-8275-01/2013-Vol
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Staff Recommendation

That Bylaw 9013 which amends Schedule A of Business Regulation Bylaw 7538 to include 8511 Alexandra Road – Unit 100 among the sites which permits an amusement centre to operate, be forwarded to Council for first, second and third readings.



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Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
REVIEWED BY DIRECTORS	INITIALS: DW
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Staff Report

Origin

Under Business Regulation Bylaw No 7538, Section 5.3.1(f) regulates that an amusement centre is only permitted to have more than 4 amusement machines if the premises has been approved by Council and listed in Schedule A of the bylaw.

This report deals with a business licence application received from Shangji Wang, Managing Director (the Applicant), to operate an internet café with 50 computer machines, 2 billiard and table tennis tables, and food services under the business name of Gank Internet Café Ltd., from 8511 Alexandra Road Unit 100. This premise is not on the list of approved addresses for an operation with more than 4 amusement machines.

Findings of Fact

The location at which the Applicant intends to operate is located in Auto-Oriented Commercial District (CA), which permits, among other uses, amusement centres. The building is a two level structure and the Applicant will be occupying the downstairs area and on the 2nd floor the current tenant, a restaurant, will continue to operate. To the east, west and south of the location are commercial units and to the north is a residential district (Attachment 1).

There are currently 13 businesses licenced to operate as amusement centres.

The City has imposed regulations including restricted operating hours which amusement centres must adhere to and this type of regulated use is one that the Richmond Special Task Force Team inspect from time to time to ensure that compliance of the regulations are being met.

Analysis

By definition, Internet Cafes' 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 has been advised of the application and has not responded with any issues with this proposal.

If granted approval to operate as an amusement centre, the Applicant will be required to ensure that the unit meets all building, health and fire codes before a Business Licence would be issued.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Having reviewed the application, location and the regulations for amusement centres, staff support adding 8511 Alexandra Road Unit 100 to Schedule A of Bylaw 7538.



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8511 Alexandra Road

Original Date: 03/14/13

Amended Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES



Business Regulation Bylaw No 7538, Amendment Bylaw 9013

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:

Alexandra Road 8511 Unit 100

2. This Bylaw is cited as **“Business Regulation Bylaw No 7538, Amendment Bylaw 9013”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept.

APPROVED for legality by Solicitor


MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER