



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purpose Committee

From: W. Glenn McLaughlin
Chief Licence Inspector

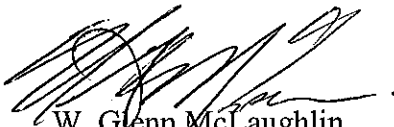
Re: **Great Canadian Gaming Corporation**
8811 River Road
Liquor Licence Amendment

Date: September 8, 2009

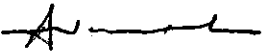

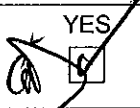
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Staff Recommendation

That Council decline to comment on the Liquor Primary License amendment application submitted by the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, doing business as River Rock Casino Resort, to expand the area affected by the license and to increase the person capacity in the expanded area, and that a letter be sent to the General Manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch by the City advising of the City's decision.



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Staff Report

Origin

The provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) issues licences in accordance with the Liquor Control and Licensing Act and Regulations.

Local government is typically given the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations to the LCLB on certain liquor licence applications and amendments. In connection with an amendment to a Liquor Primary License that increases the person capacity of the establishment, s. 53(2)(b) of the Regulations require that the local government in considering the application and providing comments must take into account the potential for noise and the impact on the community if the application is approved. Section 53(5) of the Regulations provide that if the amendment to a Liquor Primary Licence may affect nearby residents, the local government must gather the views of the residents in accordance with section 11.3(2)(c) of the Act. Local government may also decline to comment on the application.

This report deals with an application received by the City from Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, doing business as "River Rock Casino Resort", requesting a resolution of Council in support of amending an existing Liquor Primary Licence to include liquor service in an expanded gaming area.

Analysis

Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (the Applicant), doing business as River Rock Casino Resort, located at 8811 River Road, has undertaken renovations to the hotel lobby and casino area of its operation. The renovations include a re-modelled lobby area as well as an expansion of the gaming area and the re-configuration of a lounge and restaurant.

To accommodate the expansion of the gaming area, part of a northwest wall which divides the casino lounge from the hotel lobby will be removed. This area was previously occupied by the Dockside Café Lounge and the Fireside Lounge. The expanded gaming area will have approximately 95 slots machines. (Attachment 1). The Applicant wishes to increase the area which is the subject of their Liquor Primary Licence to enable liquor service into the expanded gaming area.

A site inspection conducted on July 7, 2009, noted that the new gaming area is located at the back of the building. A discussion reveals that the expanded area will not increase the number of slot machines operating within the casino. The Business Licence issued in October of 2004 for the casino operation; indicated 1000 slot machines, but as of July 7, 2009, there are 850 slots in operation of which 95 will be re-distributed to the expanded area.

The hours of liquor service will remain unchanged with service being available Monday to Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The casino is situated in an area made up of light industrial and commercial uses. There are no nearby residents. Across the road from, and connecting to the casino and hotel, is a Canada Line

train station and a parking structure for visitors of the casino and hotel as well as Canada Line users.

Staff recommend that Council decline to comment on this application because the proposed amendment to the applicant's Liquor Primary License, if approved, will not result in any appreciable increase in noise or any impact on the community.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Staff recommend that the City decline to comment on the proposed amendment to the applicant's Liquor Primary License as the increase in area and in person capacity will not impact the community and a Council resolution declining comment be forwarded to the General Manager of the LCLB accordingly.



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