



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** August 17, 2015
From: Cecilia Achiam, MCIP, BCSLA **File:** 12-8275-01/2015-Vol
Director, Performance and Compliance 01
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9288**
5731 No. 3 Road

Staff Recommendation

That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9288 which amends Schedule A of Bylaw No. 7538 to include the premises at 5731 No. 3 Road among the sites that 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

Amongst the regulated businesses in Richmond are Amusement Centres that contain Amusement Machines, which are 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.

Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 restricts a business premise to only 4 amusement machines unless the location is listed in Schedule A of the bylaw.

This report deals with an application received from Ming Yang (the Applicant) operating as Yeezy Entertainment Ltd., to operate a internet café with 130 machines from premises located at 5731 No. 3 Road. This premise is not on the list of approved addresses that allows an operation to have more than 4 amusement machines.

Analysis

By regulation and definition, Internet Cafes with more than 4 machines used to play computerized games are recognized as Amusement Centres. These businesses generally use networked computers for the purposes of playing games on the Internet amongst a group of individuals.

The location at which the Applicant intends to operate is zoned Auto-Oriented Commercial District (CA) which permits among other uses, Amusement Centres. The premise is a one level building that is currently is being used by a newspaper publication business. The area surrounding the premises is a mix of commercial businesses that cater to the day-to-day needs of the general public (Attachment 1).

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 inspects from time to time to ensure compliance to the regulations.

The RCMP were contacted and have responded that they have no concerns with the application.

The Applicant will be required to ensure that the premises meets all building, health and fire codes before a Business Licence would be issued.

Financial Impact

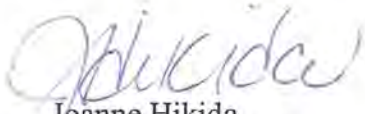
None.

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Conclusion

Amusement Centres are regulated under the City's Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 and staff are recommending that the Applicant's request for 5731 No. 3 Road be added to Schedule A of the bylaw to allow more than 4 amusement machines to be operated.

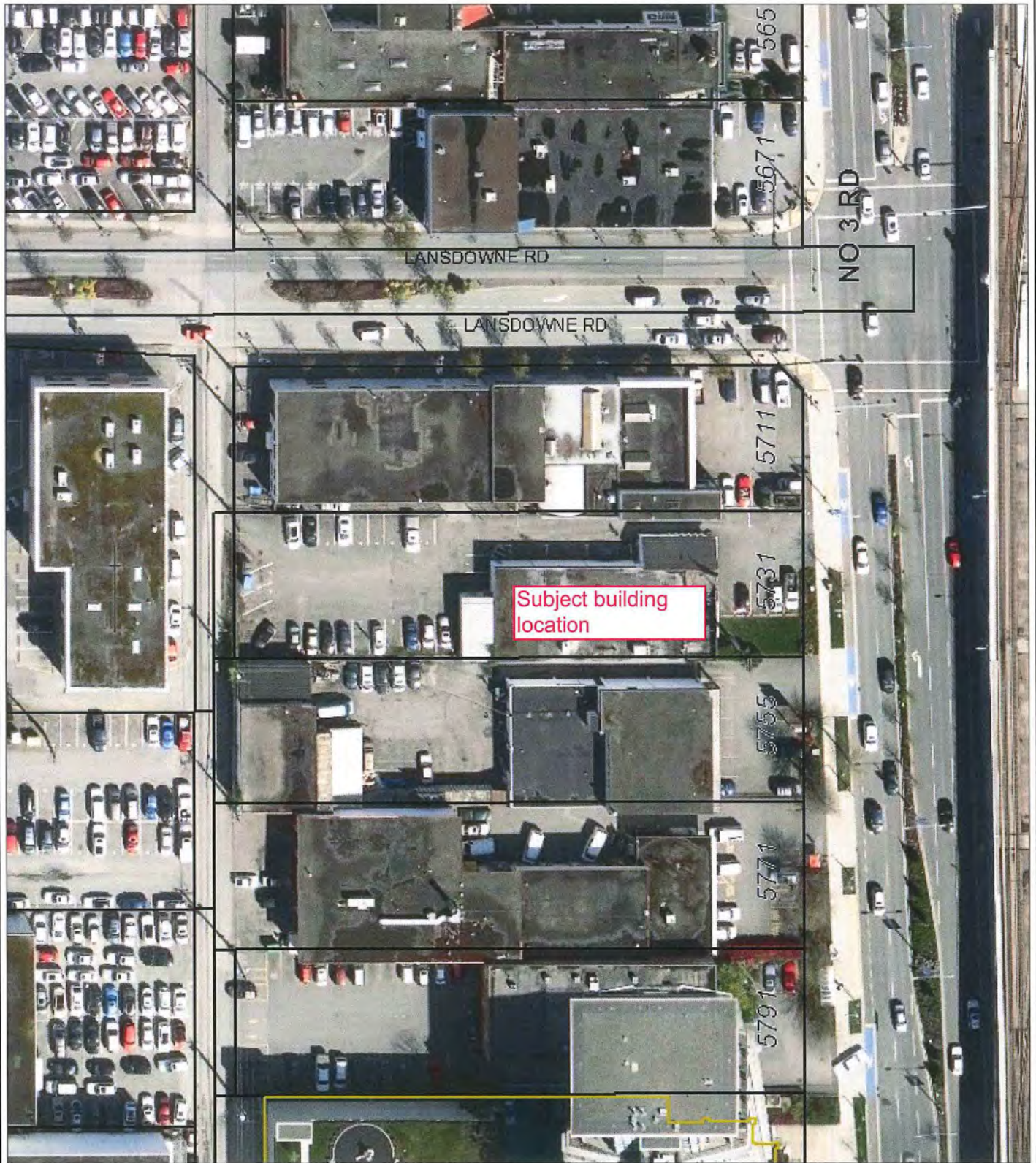


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Att. 1: Aerial View

City of Richmond Interactive Map



Subject building location

39.8 0 19.90 39.8 Meters

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**Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538
Amendment Bylaw No. 9288**

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 in Schedule A after item 34:

	Civic Address	Civic Number	Original Bylaw Reference
34.A	No. 3 Road	5731	9288

2. This Bylaw is cited as **“Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9288”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

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APPROVED for legality by Solicitor 

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