

Report to Committee

To:

General Purposes Committee

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From:

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Manager, Community Bylaws and Licencing

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Re:

Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9938

4451 No 3 Road Unit 203

Staff Recommendation

That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9938, which amends Schedule A of Bylaw No. 7538, to add the address of 4451 No 3 Road Unit 203 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 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 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 Kylin Enterprises Ltd., doing business as: 110 International Esports Centre to operate 100 computer game systems for online/offline gaming from premises situated at 4451 No. 3 Road Unit 203. This premises is not listed as an approved address on Schedule A.

110 International Esports Centre 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 furniture retail store.

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.

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 two-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; retail, general; car wash; service and liquor primary establishment. This property is situated on No. 3 Road, north of Leslie Rd, (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 4451 No 3 Road Unit 203, be added to Schedule A of the bylaw to allow more than four amusement machines to be operated.

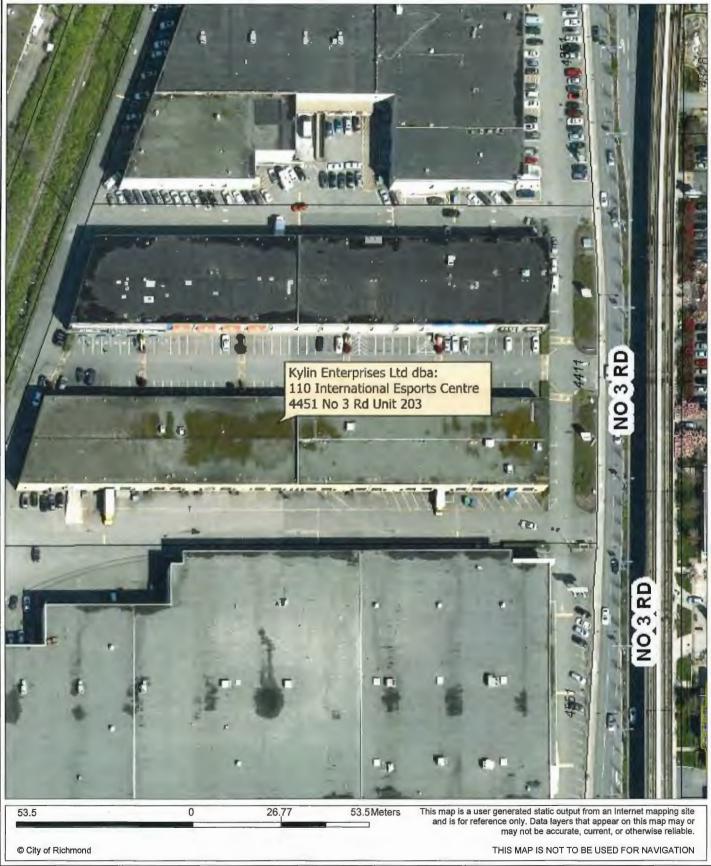
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Att. 1: Aerial View Map

City of Richmond Interactive Map



CORPORATE OFFICER



MAYOR

Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9938

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 12: Civic Number Original Bylaw Reference Civic Address 12. No. 3 Road 4451 Unit 203 9938 and renumbering the rest of the remaining items in Schedule A in numerical order. 2. This Bylaw is cited as "Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9938". CITY OF RICHMOND FIRST READING APPROVED for content by SECOND READING THIRD READING **ADOPTED**