

Report to Committee

То:	General Purposes Committee	Date:	July 26, 2017	
From:	Carli Edwards, P.Eng. Manager, Customer Services and Licencing	File:	12-8275-01/2017-Vol 01	
Re:	Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No 9743 8181 Cambie Rd Unit 1000			

Staff Recommendation

That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9743 which amends Schedule A of Bylaw No. 7538, to remove the address of 7951 Alderbridge Way Unit 140 and replace with the address at 8181 Cambie Rd Unit 1000 among the sites that permit an Amusement Centre to operate, to permit the business Espot to relocate, be given first second and third readings.

Carli Edwards, P.Eng. Manager, Customer Services and Licencing (604-276-4136)

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE						
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Staff Report

Origin

One of the categories of regulated businesses in Richmond is Amusement Centre which contain Amusement Machines, 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.

The 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 Espot Entertainment Inc., (hereinafter referred to as Espot) to operate a 26 table Pool Hall and an Amusement Centre with a 132 machines from premises situated at 8181 Cambie Road Unit 1000. This premises is not listed as an approved address on Schedule A which permits more than four amusement machines.

Espot formerly operated at 7951 Alderbridge Way Unit 140. Espot has operated a Pool Hall and Amusement Centre from this location since October of 2000, but under the current ownership since November of 2009.

Analysis

Amusement Centre regulations and definitions cover different types of amusement machines such as 3D virtual reality computerized games, computer games in the Internet Café and the traditional Arcades. Amusement Centres are a regulated business because of their potential to impact the community, including their historic role of potentially 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.

Espot has received one Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) under the current owner in 2011 for operating outside permitted hours. City of Richmond received the following information from Cst. WIRTH, of the Richmond R.C.M.P.

 Cst Wirth of Richmond RCMP attended on March 27, 2011 at 2:26 am and issued MTI M 52526 for operating outside permitted hours, 1hour and 26 minutes past closing. RCMP File # 2011-51

The fine of \$100.00 was paid on April 12, 2011 and there has not been any further violations observed since this incident.

The location the applicant is intending to operate is zoned Hotel Commercial (ZC1) – Aberdeen Village (City Centre), which permits among other uses, Amusement Centre. The unit is situated on the ground floor of a multi-level commercial building. This zone provides for hotel and other

compatible uses. There are currently forty nine commercial businesses operating on this property. Businesses range from various permitted uses such as: education, commercial; recreation, indoor; liquor primary establishment; office; restaurant; retail, general and amusement centre. This property is situated at the corner of No 3 Road and Cambie Road, (Attachment1)

RCMP Police were contacted and have responded that they have no concerns with this application. In addition to the bylaw amendment, 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

Conclusion

Amusement Centres are regulated under the City's Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 and staff are recommending that the applicant's request for 8181 Cambie Road Unit 1000, be added to Schedule A of the bylaw to allow more than four amusement machines to be operated.

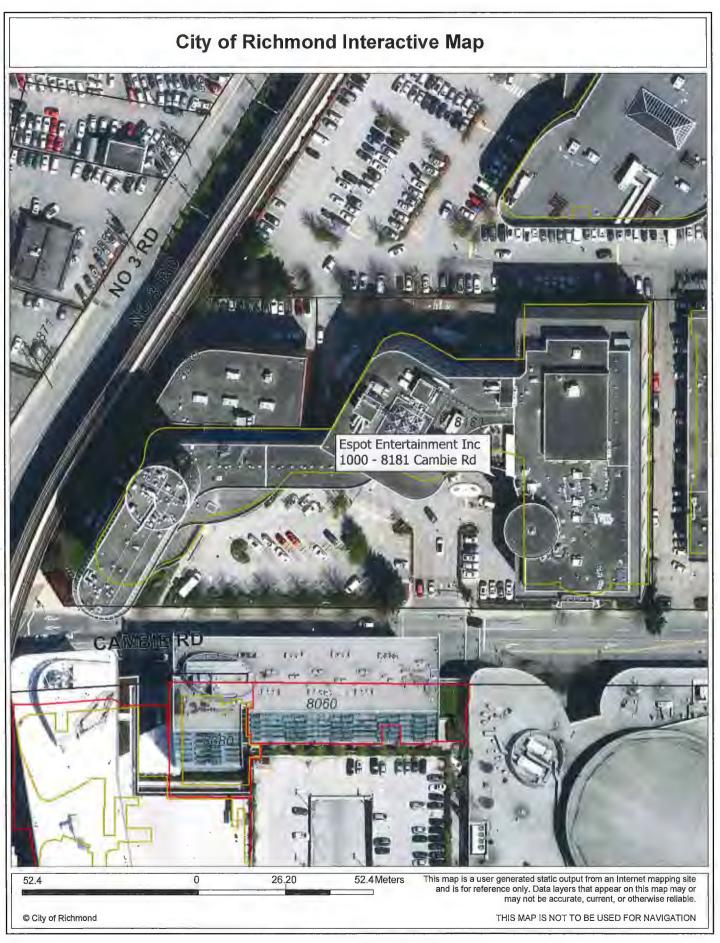
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Att. 1: Aerial View Map

Attachment 1



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Bylaw 9743



Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 Amendment Bylaw No. 9743

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, as amended, is further amended by removing the following address in Schedule A item 1.

	Civic Address	Civic Number	Original Bylaw Reference			
1.	Alderbridge Way	7951 Unit 140	7147			
And adding the following in Schedule A item 1.						
	Civic Address	Civic Number	Original Bylaw Reference			
1.	Cambie Road	8181 Unit 1000	9743			

2. This Bylaw is cited as "Business Regulation Bylaw No.7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9743".

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER