



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee

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Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9639
To Update Schedule A, list of Amusement Centres**

Staff Recommendation

That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9639 be given first, second, and third readings.

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Att. 2

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Staff Report

Origin

One of the categories of regulated businesses in Richmond is Amusement Centres 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. Any updates to Schedule A must come through a bylaw amendment and be approved by Council.

This report proposes to update Schedule A to remove amusement centres that are no longer operating and add two new locations that have recently applied for new business licences.

Analysis

Amusement Centres are a regulated business because of their previous association with criminal activity and potential to impact the community. 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 and consumption of alcohol. All applications receive RCMP review as part of the approval process. The Joint Inspection Team, including the RCMP, may inspect this classification from time to time to ensure regulatory compliance of the regulations.

The new model of virtual reality computerized games fits within the amusement centre regulations and definitions, as does Internet Cafes and Arcades. When more than four machines are being used to play computerized games, the premises must be licenced as an Amusement Centre and a bylaw amendment is required to specifically list the business in Schedule A of the bylaw.

Each time a new Amusement Centre is proposed in the City of Richmond, Licencing staff assess the location as well as the proposed operator (including a criminal record check). Once staff are satisfied with the application, the new location is recommended to Council for addition to Schedule A of Licence Regulation Bylaw 7538.

Addresses to be Removed From Schedule A

Upon review of past reports to Council, it was the recommendation of staff that locations of amusement centres which have ceased to operate, remain on Schedule A. These locations could then be utilized for future amusement centres without the approval of Council. However, there are now 45 locations listed on Schedule A, of which only 15 are active. Upon further review, many of the premises listed on Schedule A have been renovated and now include completely different businesses.

This report proposes to remove locations that no longer contain a business operating and licenced as an amusement centre. The list of these locations is as follows:

Civic Address	Civic Number	Original Bylaw Reference
Alderbridge Way	7988	7557
Alderbridge Way	7992	9171
Alexandra Road	8531 Unit 128	7284
Alexandra Road	8571 Unit 118	7284
Alexandra Road	8580 Unit 1085	7068
Alexandra Road	8611 Unit 160	7290
Cambie Road	8181 Unit 2250	7581
Cambie Road	8181	5972
Capstan Way	8300 Unit 1028	7334
Capstan Way	8300 Unit 1036	7290
Capstan Way	8328 Unit 1108	7284
Capstan Way	8388 Unit 1463	6775
Capstan Way	8388 Unit 1463	7284
Garden City Road	4651 Unit 1110	7284
Garden City Road	4751 Unit 105	6855
Hazelbridge Way	4151	5972
Hazelbridge Way	4231 Unit 115	7290
Hazelbridge Way	4231 Unit 165	7038
Leslie Road	8080 Unit 130	7397
Minoru Boulevard	5960 Unit 100	7068
No. 3 Road	4380 Unit 1420	5780
No. 3 Road	4580 Unit 2060	7284
No. 3 Road	5731	9288
No. 3 Road	6360 Unit 1	7767
No. 3 Road	6360 Unit 8	6868
No.3Road/Minoru Bouvelard	6651/6060 (Rmd Centre Mall)	4540
Sexsmith Road	3779	6663
Sexsmith Road	3779 Unit 2167	7284
Sexsmith Road	3779 Unit 2182	7290
Westminster Highway	8291	7290

Addresses Proposed to be Added to Schedule A

8160 Park Road, Unit 105

The business being proposed at this location, UNIVRS Inc, uses computers with attached headsets for a virtual reality appearance to be played individually or with other players. The location the applicant is intending to operate is zoned Downtown Commercial (CDT1) which permits among other uses, Amusement Centre. This premises is situated on the ground floor of a multi-level building. There are currently two other commercial businesses operating on this property, including a travel agent and a safety deposit box rental business. The applicant is also

looking to operate as a retail trade, selling virtual reality computer systems and accessories. This use would be covered under an additional licence the applicant has applied for. The property is situated in City Centre at the corner of Park Rd and Buswell. (Attachment 1)

4351 No 3 Road, Unit 160

The business being proposed at this location, BreakoutVRVan Entertainment Ltd, is also using computers for a virtual reality amusement centre with 32 computers. The location the applicant is intending to operate is zoned Auto-Oriented Commercial (ZC 10) – Airport and Aberdeen Village which permits among other uses, Amusement Centre. The premises is situated on the ground floor of a two level building that contains 15 other commercial businesses, including 3 other approved amusement centre businesses. This property is situated in City Centre in the Aberdeen Village area, just south of Browngate Road, on the West side of No 3 Road. (Attachment 2)

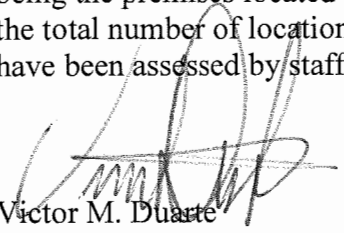
RCMP were contacted and have no concerns with either of the two new businesses or their operators. In addition to the bylaw amendment, the applicants will be required to ensure their premises meets all building and fire codes before a Business Licence would be issued.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Amusement Centres are regulated under the City's Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 and their locations are listed in Schedule A of the bylaw. This report recommends that Schedule A be updated to remove premises where businesses are no operating and add two new locations, being the premises located at 8160 Park Road, Unit 105 and 4351 No 3 Road, Unit 160, bringing the total number of locations to 17. The applications for the businesses at the two new locations have been assessed by staff and are recommended for inclusion in Schedule A.



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Att. 1: Aerial View Map - 8160 Park Road, Unit 105
2: Aerial View Map - 4351 No 3 Road, Unit 160

City of Richmond Interactive Map

Attachment 1



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Attachment 2

BreakoutVR Van Entertainment Ltd
4351 No 3 Road Unit 160

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**Business Regulation Bylaw No.7538
Amendment Bylaw No. 9639**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, as amended, is further amended by deleting in its entirety, Schedule A attached to Bylaw No. 7538, and substituting Schedule A attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
2. This Bylaw is cited as **"Business Regulation Bylaw No.7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9639"**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept. 
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor 

Schedule A to Bylaw 9639**SCHEDULE A to BYLAW 7538
AMUSEMENT CENTRES**

Civic Address	Civic Number	Original Bylaw Reference
1. Alderbridge Way	7951 Unit 140	7147
2. Entertainment Boulevard	14200 Unit 150	6810
3. Entertainment Boulevard	14211	6856
4. Garden City Road	4731 Unit 140	6829
5. No. 3 Road	3411 Unit 170	9191
6. No. 3 Road	3700	6044
7. No. 3 Road	4351 Unit 110	8546
8. No. 3 Road	4351 Unit 120	6833
9. No. 3 Road	4351 Unit 160	9639
10. No. 3 Road	4351 Unit 175	8474
11. No. 3 Road	4411 Unit 101	7316
12. No. 3 Road	5300	4540
13. No. 3 Road	5300 Unit 323	4540
14. Park Road	8160 Unit 105	9639
15. Sea Island Way	8555 Unit 120	9289
16. Viceroy Place	2100	7172
17. Westminster Highway	8260	6199

**6631 Sidaway Road – exempted from Zoning Bylaw