



**City of Richmond**

**Report to Committee**

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**To:** Planning Committee **Date:** July 8, 2004  
**From:** Bruce Murray **File:** 0107-10-01  
Supervisor, Zoning and Signs  
**Re:** **Business Regulation Bylaw 7538, Amendment Bylaw 7769**

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**Staff Recommendation**

That Bylaw 7769 which amends Schedule "A" of Business Regulation Bylaw 7538 to include Unit 7 – 6340 No. 3 Road, among the geographic areas in which a video arcade may operate, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

Bruce Murray  
Supervisor, Zoning and Signs  
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## Staff Report

### Origin

Staff received an application for the establishment of a video arcade amusement centre at Unit 7 – 6340 No. 3 Road, for 24 machines.

Video arcades are currently restricted to locations specified in Schedule “A” of the Business Regulation Bylaw 7538. The proposed unit is not identified in this Bylaw.

### Analysis

The subject property is currently zoned Land Use Contract - 062, a classification that permits, among other uses, commercial entertainment.

Video arcades fall within the ambit of commercial entertainment.

Until recently, the “conventional” arcade has used standard amusement machines for playing games; the City has imposed strict operating hours within which arcades would be permitted to operate.

The applicant is proposing 24 arcade stations which consists of 20 stations that will be connected to 27-inch televisions and “X-Box” game consoles. In addition, there will be four stations that will be connected to 60-inch televisions and “Play Station 2” game consoles. Both game systems are played on-line through the internet via a computer and attached modems.

This type of operation is similar to “Internet Cafés” where a coffee shop operates; customers go on the internet for a fee while having coffee and snacks.

Staff have taken the position that on-line internet game stations are indeed arcades, and that they would require council approval to operate. This report is for a new location, which has made application to the City. The video arcade must comply with all the requirements in the Business Regulation Bylaw.

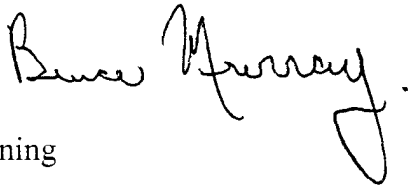
### Financial Impact

Nil.

### Conclusion

Staff feel that “Internet Cafés” should be regulated in the same manner as conventional arcades to create a level playing field and to control the hours of operation. Staff can offer no reason why this application to operate a video arcade should be denied.

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**Business Regulation Bylaw 7538, Amendment Bylaw 7769**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Business Regulation Bylaw 7538 is amended by adding to Schedule "A" in alphabetical order:  
  
#7 – 6340 No. 3 Road  
  
and that the existing addresses be renumbered accordingly.
2. This Bylaw is cited as "**Business Regulation Bylaw 7538, Amendment Bylaw 7769**".

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