

CITY OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. 8688

A by-law to regulate the content of
magazines and motion pictures.

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As amended by By-law No. 12268; 04/25/94

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WHEREAS, under the provision of Section 932(n) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C., 1979, Chapter 290, as amended, the Council of a Municipality is empowered to enact a By-law to regulate or prohibit or prevent vice, drunkenness, profane swearing or indecent, obscene, blasphemous or grossly insulting language or other immorality and indecency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Surrey has held a public referendum to establish a community standard for morality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Surrey has now established a community standard for the content of magazine and motion pictures.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Surrey, in OPEN MEETING assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Surrey Community Standards By-law, 1986, No. 8688."

2. Definition:

(a) In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

(i) "COUNCIL" means the City Council of the City of Surrey.

(ii) "CITY" means the City of Surrey or the area within the boundaries thereof as the context may require.

(iii) "MOTION PICTURE" includes a film and a videotape cassette.

(iv) "PERSON" includes any company, corporation, owner, partnership, firm, association, society or party.

(v) "PUBLICATION" means any book, pamphlet, magazine or printed matter however produced.

3. No person and no employee of such person may, in the course of such person's business, sell, lease or offer for sale or lease a motion picture or publication that depicts real or simulated sexual activity combined with violence or coercion, or real or simulated sexual activity involving a person under the real or apparent age of sixteen years, or real or simulated sexual activity involving bestiality.

4. Penalty Section

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this By-law or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law, who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this By-law or who does any act which violates any of the provisions of this By-law, is guilty of an offence against

this By-law and liable to the penalties provided for in the Offence Act. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

PASSED THREE READINGS by the Municipal Council on the 7th day of July, 1986.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 21st day of July, 1986.

"D.A. ROSS" _____ MAYOR

"W. VOLLRATH" _____ CLERK