

Corporate Report

NO: R082

COUNCIL DATE: April 5, 2004



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TO: **Mayor &
Council** DATE: **April 2, 2004**

FROM: **City Solicitor** FILE: **3900-20-
13680**

SUBJECT: **Business License By-law, 1999, No. 13680**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the proposed amendments to Business License By law, 1999, No. 13680 (the "Business License By law") attached as Appendix "A" to this report.

INTENT

The proposed amendments to the Business License By law will address the following:

1. Allow the licensing of classes of casinos to include slot machines and video lottery gaming machines, and
2. Provide a license fee for those casinos.

DISCUSSION

On March 1, 2004 the City of Surrey ("City") approved the execution of the Lease between Orangeville Raceway Limited and the City for a casino at 17805 – 60 Avenue. Business License By law, 1999, No. 13680, as amended, currently requires a fee structure in order to license casinos. Other cities within the Lower Mainland were contacted regarding their current licensing fees for casinos in their respective areas (Burnaby, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Richmond, Kelowna and Vancouver). Those municipalities without a specific designation for casinos categorized as "service entertainment" based their fees from the number of employees to a flat service fee. Both the City of Vancouver and Coquitlam charge additional fees for slot machines over and above the base license fee. The City of Coquitlam based their slot machine fee on the revenue produced by the particular category of machine. The fees recommended in this report compare to other cities throughout the Province and also include a fee for each slot machine within the establishment. The proposed fee structure is similar to the City of Coquitlam.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve these amendments to the Business License By law.

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City Solicitor

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Encl. - Appendix "A"

c.c. John Sherstone - Manager, By-laws & Licensing Services

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APPENDIX "A"

CITY OF SURREY

BY LAW NO. 15343

A by law to amend the provisions of "Business License By law, 1999, No. 13680" as amended.

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The Council of the City of Surrey, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. "Business License By law, 1999, No. 13680" as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 - Interpretation is hereby amended as follows:

1. The existing definition of "Casino" be replaced with the following new definition:

"Casino" means premises for which a Host Financial Assistance Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia and the City has been authorized by resolution of Council and duly executed by the City and the Province which Agreement allows the conduct, management and operation by the British Columbia Lottery Corporation of games of chance or mixed chance and skill including slot machine gaming machines and video lottery gaming machines on which money may be wagered or spent in cash or any other valuable consideration, but does not include bingo halls or casino halls.

(b) Schedule "A" is hereby amended as follows:

1. By amending the fee for the following category to read as follows:

Casino \$3,000.00 per year (plus \$35.00 per machine)

2. This By law shall be cited for all purposes as "Business License By-law, 1999, No. 13680, Amendment By law, 2004, No. _____".

PASSED THREE READINGS on the ____ day of _____, 2004.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the ____ day of _____, 2004.

MAYOR

CLERK

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