

RE: LETTERS FROM MR. SOUTHERN AND MR. WONG APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA
CONCERNS ABOUT THE DISPLAY OF SUGGESTIVE MATERIAL AT POSTER WORLD
IN EATON'S CENTRE MALL

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Finance be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 October 04

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

RE: CONCERNS ABOUT THE DISPLAY OF SUGGESTIVE MATERIAL
AT POSTER WORLD IN EATON'S CENTRE MALL

PURPOSE: To inform Council of the results of our investigation
into the concerns of Mr. Kevin Southern about the display
of semi-nude or nude posters at Poster World.

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Kevin Southern, #901
- 5050 Sanders Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 1S8, and to Mr.
Raymond Wong, 1162 - 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 2C1

REPORT

Appearing under Correspondence in this agenda is a letter from Mr. Kevin Southern, expressing concern over the display of semi-nude or nude posters at Poster World in the Eaton's Centre Mall.

The display of suggestive material is a sensitive issue, and the interpretation of what constitutes offensive material often varies between individuals. To date, we have been unsuccessful in contacting Mr. Southern to discuss his specific concerns.

The manufacture, distribution and display of obscene articles is regulated by the Criminal Code of Canada. Responsibility for enforcement of the Criminal Code lies with the R.C.M.P. Final determination of a contravention is established by the courts, on a case by case basis.

The R.C.M.P. Morality section has reviewed the material for sale in Poster World and advises that action under the Criminal Code is not warranted. In addition, Licence Office staff have discussed the complaint with the manager of Poster World, Mr. Raymond Wong, and the General Manager of Eaton's Centre Mall, Mr. A. Thompson.


Mr. Wong is concerned that his merchandise has offended Mr. Southern. He has confirmed that any material that may be considered suggestive will be kept on the in-store racks and not displayed in the front windows. Mr. Thompson advises that Eaton's Centre staff monitor the retailers to ensure that their conduct is consistent with the character of the mall and is reflective of the accepted attitudes of the community.

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Licence Office staff will monitor the displays at Poster World to ensure they are in keeping with the family oriented nature of the mall. We will also continue trying to contact Mr. Southern.

It is recommended that a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Kevin Southern, #901 - 5050 Sanders Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 1S8, and to Mr. Raymond Wong, 1162 - 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 2C1

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DIRECTOR FINANCE

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CC: R.C.M.P.