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TO: CITY MANAGER 1993 DECEMBER 01

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 17.927

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REGARDING THE REGULATION OF POOL/BILLIARD HALLS AND AMUSEMENT ARCADES

PURPOSE: To provide further details on a community consultation process regarding the proposed regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

R E P O R T

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At its meeting of 1993 September 13, Council approved a consultation process with the community regarding the regulation of hours of operation of and admittance of persons under 18 years of age to pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades.

The staff report recommending the process outlined a three pronged process:

- a meeting of staff with pool/billiard hall and amusement arcade owners/operators regarding the proposed regulations
- a public "Open House" at which the proposed regulations would be explained and feedback solicited from those in attendance
- publication of the proposed regulations in "Information Burnaby" and/or local community newspapers, with an invitation to the public to send written comments to City staff.

The report proposed that the process take place between December 1993 and February 1994, with a 1994 March report-back to Council.

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A general statement that Burnaby is considering regulating pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades appeared in the November 1993 edition of "Information Burnaby". The article invited members of the public with views on the operation of such establishments to forward comments to City staff. To date, staff have received a number of written submissions.

This report provides Council with additional details on the process.

2.0 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

a. Consultation with Business Operators

Staff propose that a meeting between owners/operators of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades and staff take place in late January or early February 1994. The meeting will be held in City Hall and will include staff from the Planning Department and the Licence Office, as well as the RCMP. All owners/operators, as identified through Business Licence files, will be invited to attend. The meeting will provide a forum for the owners/operators to share their views on the proposed regulations and to identify and discuss with staff alternative means to address the problems which prompted the move to more closely regulate in the first place. Staff will also discuss with the owners/operators the potential impact on their businesses of the City's proposal to change licencing requirements. The City is considering reducing the number of pool/billiard tables and/or arcade machines for which a pool/billiard hall or amusement arcade licence is required.

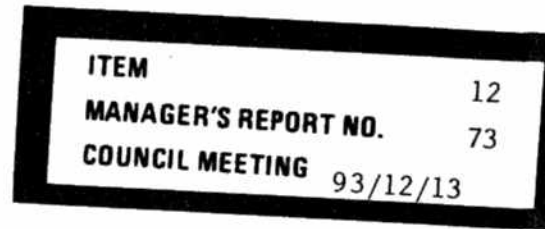
In addition, staff will consult with the owners/operators of establishments which currently have pool/billiard tables and/or arcade machines as accessory uses. The proposal to change licencing requirements could also have an impact on their businesses.

b. Consultation with the General Public

This component of the process will take place during February and March 1994. The proposed regulations will be published in the February 1994 edition of "Information Burnaby" and citizens will be invited to comment in one of two ways:

- a written submission to City staff

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- pre-registration for one of a number of small (8-10 person) workshops on the topic. The workshops will be held in conveniently-located community venues such as schools or recreation centres. The number, location and exact timing of the workshops will depend on the registration response. At the workshops, which will be facilitated by City staff, the proposed regulations will be explained. Participants will be invited to provide their perspective on the alleged problems with pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades, to comment on the proposed regulations and/or to propose alternative means to address the problems.

c. Consultation with Youth

Given concerns regarding an apparent connection between youth "problems" and pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades, staff will consult with young people regarding the proposed regulations. Staff will confer with the School District as to the best method of soliciting representative youth views. This component of process will take place in January or February 1994.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The consultation process outlined above aims to solicit comment on the proposed regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades from the general public and identified stakeholders. Unless directed otherwise, staff will report back to Council in early spring 1994 with the results of the process and make further recommendations as appropriate.



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