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TO: CITY MANAGER 1993 SEPTEMBER 8
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 17.927
SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REGARDING THE REGULATION OF POOL/BILLIARD HALLS AND AMUSEMENT ARCADES**
PURPOSE: To recommend a process for consulting with the community regarding proposed regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve consultation with the community regarding the regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades as outlined in Section 2.0 of this report.

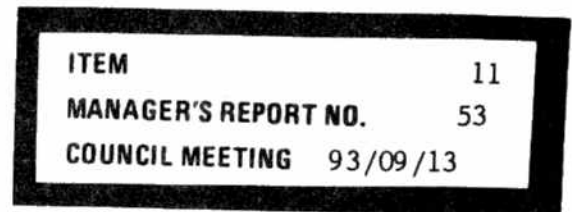
REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At its meeting of 1993 July 26, Council considered two staff reports on the regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades. The reports were a response to previous requests from Council that staff investigate and report back on possible regulatory approaches to a variety of allegedly problematic entertainment uses.

The first report recommended amending the Zoning Bylaw to create a separate zoning category for pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades. Council adopted the recommendation. The second report recommended restricting the hours of operation of and admittance of children under 16 years of age to pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades. Council indicated its desire to change the proposed age restriction from 16 to 18 years. It then tabled the report pending further information on age restriction practices in other local municipalities. An information report on such practices was tabled by Council at its meeting of 1993 August 9 pending a delegation of entertainment business operators at the 1993 August 23 meeting of Council.

At its meeting of 1993 August 23, Council received the delegations and directed staff to report back on a consultation process with the business operators and others. This report responds to that directive from Council.



2.0 PROPOSED CONSULTATION PROCESS

Staff suggest a consultation process consisting of three components, including:

- a meeting of staff with pool/billiard hall and amusement arcades 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 the local community newspapers, with an invitation to the public to send written comments to City staff.

The meeting between staff and business owners/operators would be held in City Hall (or other appropriate venue depending on the number of participants) and would include staff from the Planning Department and the Licence Office, as well as the RCMP. All owners/operators of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades, as identified through Business Licence files, would be invited to attend. The meeting would provide an opportunity for staff to outline the process leading up to and the rationale for the proposed regulations. It would also provide a forum for the owners/operators to raise their concerns with the proposals 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.

The public "Open House" would be held in an appropriately-sized public meeting room such as the community room in Bob Prittie Metrotown Library or the Multi-purpose Rooms in Bonsor Recreation Complex. It would be advertised in "Information Burnaby" and the local community newspapers. The "Open House" would provide an opportunity for staff to outline the process leading up to and the rationale for the proposed regulations, and to identify for the public the concerns of the business operators. It would also provide a forum for residents and other business people in Burnaby to provide their perspective on the alleged problems with pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades, and to comment on the proposed regulations and alternative means to address the problems.

The publication of the proposed regulations in "Information Burnaby" and/or the local community newspapers would offer an opportunity for comment on the proposed regulations to those residents and business people unable to attend the "Open House".

Given the number of community consultation processes currently underway and consequent draw on staff resources, staff suggest that the process begin in late 1993 and conclude with a report to Council in early spring 1994. The proposed timetable is as follows:

- meeting of staff and business owners/operators - December 1993
- public "Open House" - January 1994
- advertisement in "Information Burnaby" and/or local newspapers - February 1994

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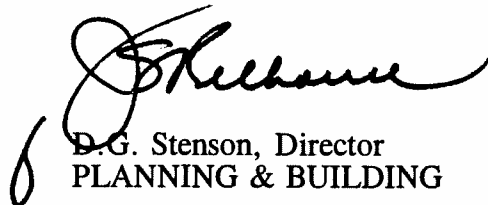
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- report to Council - March 1994

In the interim, staff suggest that the tabled reports proposing restrictions on hours of operation and admittance of youth to pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades remain on the table, pending the results of the consultation process.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The consultation process outlined in Section 2.0 aims to solicit comment on the proposed regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades from both the owners/operators of such establishments and the general public. At the completion of the process, staff should be in a position to gauge the level of public concern with these entertainment uses and the impact of various types of regulation on the viability of pool/billiard hall and amusement arcade businesses. Staff will report back to Council with the results of the consultation process and make further recommendations as appropriate.


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