

ITEM 18  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 47  
COUNCIL MEETING 93/08/09

**TO:** CITY MANAGER 1993 AUGUST 03  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 17.927  
**SUBJECT:** AGE RESTRICTIONS IN POOL/BILLIARD HALLS AND AMUSEMENT ARCADES  
**PURPOSE:** To provide Council with information pertaining to age restrictions on entry into pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades in other municipalities in the Lower Mainland.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At its meeting of 1993 July 26, Council considered a staff report recommending regulating the hours of operation of and the admittance of children under 16 years of age to pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades. Council amended the age level to 18 years and tabled the report, directing staff to report back regarding the age restriction practice in other local municipalities.

This report outlines age restrictions on entry into pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades in other Lower Mainland jurisdictions.

**2.0 REGULATION THROUGH AGE RESTRICTIONS**

**2.1 Pool/Billiard Halls**

Of the nine other municipalities surveyed which permit pool/billiard halls, three - Richmond, Port Moody and Coquitlam - have imposed age restrictions on admittance. Richmond prohibits entry to pool halls to persons under 16 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Port Moody also restricts the admittance of persons under 16 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, but only before 3 p.m. and after 10 p.m. Coquitlam prohibits admittance to pool halls to anyone under 18 years of age at any time.

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**2.2 Amusement Arcades**

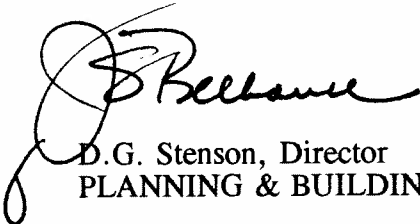
Of the six other municipalities surveyed which permit amusement arcades, three - Richmond, Port Moody and Vancouver - have imposed age restrictions on admittance. Richmond prohibits entry to amusement arcades to persons under 15 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday to Friday, and after 9 p.m., Sunday to Thursday, unless such day is a weekday and a school holiday. Like its pool halls, Port Moody restricts admittance of persons under 16 years of age to arcades, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, before 3 p.m. and after 10 p.m. Vancouver prohibits admittance to amusement arcades to anyone under 18 years of age at any time.

See Appendix 1, attached, for age restriction information in other Lower Mainland municipalities.

**3.0 CONCLUSION**

Some other Lower Mainland municipalities impose age restrictions on entry into pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades, as Burnaby is proposing to do. The age level in the restrictions varies, but is most often 16 or 18 years.

This is for the information of Council.

  
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Attachment

Appendix 1

AGE RESTRICTIONS

	POOL HALLS	AMUSEMENT ARCADES
<b>Present Age Restrictions in Burnaby</b>	No age restrictions.	No age restrictions.
<b>Proposed Age Restrictions in Burnaby</b>	No one under 18 years, unless accompanied by parent or guardian, during school hours, including lunch hours.	No one under 18 years, unless accompanied by parent or guardian, during school hours, including lunch hours.
<b>City of North Vancouver</b>	No age restrictions.	Not applicable - not permitted except as accessory use.
<b>District of North Vancouver</b>	No age restrictions.	Not applicable - not permitted.
<b>Richmond</b>	No one under 16 years, unless accompanied by parent or guardian.	No one under 15 years, unless accompanied by parent or guardian, during school hours and after 9 p.m.
<b>Coquitlam</b>	No one under 18 years.	No age restrictions.
<b>Surrey</b>	No age restrictions.	Not applicable - not permitted.
<b>Vancouver</b>	No age restrictions.	No one under 18 years.
<b>Port Coquitlam</b>	No age restrictions.	No age restrictions.
<b>Port Moody</b>	No one under 16 years, unless accompanied by parent or guardian, before 3 p.m. and after 10 p.m.	No one under 16 years, unless accompanied by parent or guardian, before 3 p.m. and after 10 p.m.
<b>New Westminster</b>	No age restrictions.	No age restrictions.

