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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	47
COUNCIL MEETING	94/08/22

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
SUBJECT: STARLITE BILLIARDS, 3787 CANADA WAY
PURPOSE: To provide information requested by Council.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information of Council; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Habibi, 313 - 3770 Manor Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1A6.

REPORT

Council, at its regular meeting on 1994 July 11, requested information about the operation of Starlite Billiards, 3787 Canada Way. This report responds to that request.

Starlite Billiards is a licenced Burnaby pool hall. It has operated at 3787 Canada Way since 1992 June. Since the pool hall's opening, the Licence Office has received three complaints about this business in 1993, and two complaints to date for 1994. Licence staff have met with pool hall management and the R.C.M.P. in order to address neighbourhood concerns.

The R.C.M.P. advise that their members have experienced no problems with respect to the management and operation of Starlite Billiards. In 1993 the R.C.M.P. attended the premises six times. Five were in 1993 May when a youth gang attempted to establish a presence in the pool hall. Since 1994 January, the R.C.M.P. have attended Starlite Billiards three times. Although the R.C.M.P. report an increase in crime in this area, it is not possible to establish a direct relationship between the criminal activity and the operation of Starlite Billiards.

In response to neighbourhood concerns and to provide security for the business, Starlite Billiards employs a security guard who patrols the parking lot during the late evening and early morning hours. The pool hall is restricted to members and their guests after 10:00 p.m. The membership system provides a record of patrons for management and, when necessary, the R.C.M.P.

In addition, the owners have indicated they will work toward closing Norfolk Street access to the pool hall parking lot, pending approval of the property owner. This would provide vehicle access to the pool hall from Smith Avenue only and hopefully reduce traffic noise for the neighbourhood.

The Planning Department is developing pool hall and amusement arcade guidelines. Recommendations for Council's consideration will be presented in the Fall.

Staff will continue to monitor the situation at Starlite Billiards.


Rick Earle
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: City Solicitor
O.I.C., R.C.M.P.
Director Administrative & Community Services
Director Planning & Building