

**TO:** CITY MANAGER 1995 December 13

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT:** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM BURNABY ARTS COUNCIL  
MIDDLGATE SHOPPING CENTRE BINGO HALL  
REZONING REFERENCE #26/94**

**PURPOSE:** To provide Council with information regarding the status of the proposed bingo hall at Middlegate Shopping Centre.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council reaffirm its support for the intended use of this location for a bingo hall.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Burnaby Arts Council, 6584 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B. C. V5J 2G3 and to Mr. Richard Macintosh, Chairman, B. C. Gaming Commission, 2nd Floor, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B. C.

**R E P O R T**

On 1995 November 06 Council received correspondence from the Burnaby Arts Council regarding the proposed bingo hall at Middlegate Shopping Centre. The correspondence noted that the rezoning application had been approved by Council, but the Gaming Commission has not approved the site. The Arts Council requested a letter of support from the City of Burnaby. At that time Council referred the matter to staff for a report on the Gaming Commission's concerns. This report is in response to that request.

The rezoning of the Middlegate Shopping Centre to CD Comprehensive Development District (based on C3a General Commercial District guidelines) in order to permit the establishment of the bingo hall, was given Final Adoption by Council on 1995 February 06.

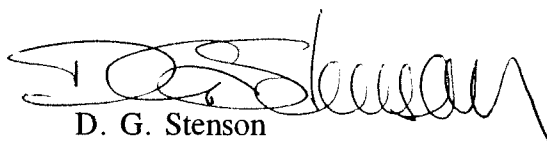
In response to Council direction on this matter, staff contacted the B. C. Gaming Commission to determine the status of the application. Gaming Commission staff advised that before approving a relocation application (the subject bingo operation was previously located in Station Square and is currently not in operation), the Gaming Commission will consider three points.

They are:

- 1) What is the potential long term viability of the business
- 2) What effect will the facility have on other licensees in Greater Vancouver
- 3) The company applying for the license must be registered with the Commission

At this time, none of the above items have been satisfactorily concluded by the Gaming Commission. In order to seek further input on #1 and #2 above, the Commission is planning to hold a Public Hearing on this matter in the near future.

Council has approved the zoning and land use for the operation of a bingo hall at this location through Final Adoption of Rezoning Reference #26/94. In response to the request from the Burnaby Arts Council, a reaffirmation of Council's support for the intended bingo hall use at this location is considered appropriate.



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