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TO: CITY MANAGER 1995 June 14
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE File: L34
SUBJECT: LUMBERMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB
PURPOSE: To request that Council amend the Burnaby Club Regulation Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council amend the Burnaby Club Regulation Bylaw to allow social clubs to operate 24 hours a day for a 6 month trial period; and
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Paskali Katanas, Manager, Lumbermen's Social Club, 4561 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

The Lumbermen's Social Club is located at 4561 Kingsway, within the Metro Centre Hotel. The Club has been located in Burnaby since 1988, and has been in operation since 1935. It is a private licensed club where membership is required in order to enter the premises and participate in gaming activities.

It is regulated by the B.C. Gaming Commission and conforms to the terms and conditions of the Provincial licence for social clubs. The regulations do not permit alcohol on the premises. In addition, the B.C. Gaming Commission requires that social clubs comply with municipal government regulations, including those affecting hours of operation.

The Burnaby Club Regulation Bylaw regulates social clubs in the City. The Lumbermen's Social Club is the only social club currently operating in Burnaby, and is the only club subject to the regulations in the bylaw. Section 17 of the bylaw prohibits admission to the club premises between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. Persons who leave the premises cannot be readmitted during that time.

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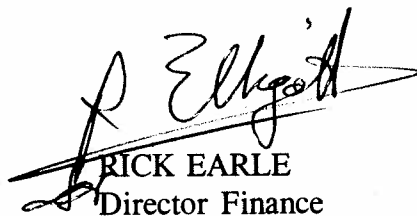
Mr. Paskali Katanas, Manager, Lumbermen's Social Club, in the *attached* letter dated 1995 March 29, has requested that the hours of operation restrictions in the Burnaby Club Regulation Bylaw be repealed. Mr. Katanas feels that the existing regulations limit his ability to provide for the needs of his members. Patrons that would otherwise use the club go to other establishments in surrounding communities which permit 24 hour operation. These include Coquitlam, Surrey and Richmond.

Mr. Katanas had previously requested a change in hours of operation in 1994. At that time he agreed to wait for Council to complete its look at hours of operation for arcade and pool hall activities.

The Licence office has received no complaints related to the operation of the Lumbermen's Social Club. There is currently no evidence to indicate that the extension of the hours of operation at this location would lead to complaints from Burnaby residents or businesses in the area. Given the club is located in a commercial area within a hotel operating 24 hours a day, we have concluded that the change in hours would have no noticeable impact.

As a result, staff recommend that Section 17 of the Burnaby Club Regulation Bylaw be repealed on a trial basis. Licence staff would monitor the Lumbermen's Social Club over a 6 month period. Should nuisance activities related to the increased hours of operation occur over that period, staff would report back and recommend to Council that the hours of operation restrictions be reinstated in the bylaw.

The bylaw changes would apply to the Lumbermen's Social Club and any new social clubs that open in Burnaby. The City Solicitor informs that reinstating the hours of operation restrictions in the bylaw after the trial period (if necessary) would be within the legal authority of Council. Mr. Katanas is aware of the trial period and is satisfied with the conditions.


RICK EARLE
Director Finance

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Attach.

cc. Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services
City Solicitor
Director Planning & Building

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Rick Elligott
 License Superintendent
 Burnaby City Hall
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March 29, 1995

Dear Mr. Elligott,

We are writing with regard to the extension of the Lumbermen's Social Club operating license. Correspondence relating to this matter began one year ago and in lieu of the recent decisions of Council with respect to the regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades, we would like approach you again regarding this matter.

Lumbermen's Social Club is a private club that is frequented by members of the community that occupy all walks of life. Since our inception in 1988, our goal has been to provide an environment conducive to the social interaction and the relaxation of our private members. Beyond this objective, Lumbermen's is also committed to the ideals of philanthropy. Over the years, we have been an active participant in the community's non-profit sector. Through regular donations to The Burnaby Christmas Bureau (\$800.00), Simon Fraser University (\$1,000.00), The Burnaby R.C.M.P. (\$500.00), The Burnaby Arts Centre (\$2,000.00), and approximately thirty other charitable organizations, Lumbermen's has and continues to achieve its philanthropic goals.

The reason we are requesting your department entertain our request of extending our license to a twenty four hour operation is several fold. Firstly, we are attempting to accommodate a demand by our members who, as stated before, occupy varied positions in the work force. In light of this, we must recognize that not all persons work a nine to five schedule. Many of our members come from the service industry and as such, have no place to go and unwind after their shifts have finished. We feel that as our city changes and becomes more diverse, so must we respond to its citizens changing needs. Burnaby is beginning to reflect a metropolitan environment that needs businesses that can cater to all segments of its population. By acknowledging this need, we can open access of our club to those members who wish to utilize our space according to their individual needs.

Secondly, due to our inability to accommodate the needs of our members, they are forced to frequent other establishments outside of the Burnaby area. This is not only an imposition upon our members but it is also a loss of revenue to the City of Burnaby. Other suburban clubs are allowed to operate on a twenty four hour licence but, to date, we have been restricted by a municipal by-law. Such clubs include The Candle Light Club in Coquitlam, The Fraser Valley in Surrey, and the Joker's Club in Richmond. If business is being generated outside of our boundaries by our citizens, the City is keeping small businesses, such as our selves, from being productive and viable participants in its commercial sector.

Finally, we would like to address the recent decisions made by Council with respect to the regulation of pool/billiard halls and amusement arcades. We feel that the recommendation to allow the twenty four hour operation of such establishments only strengthens our request for a twenty four hour operating license. The concerns that were expressed by certain groups in the community focused on such issues as youth attendance, nuisance concerns and criminal activities that are claimed to be correlated to such businesses. We at Lumbermen's would like to point out that this club is restricted to persons over the age of nineteen and who are members of the club. We do not offer our services to any individual. Also, we are located in a primarily commercial area and thus, pose no nuisance to residential members. The distinction of our business as a private club that is utilized by adult members of the community should entitle us to the same privileges that are accorded to establishments that cater to youth.

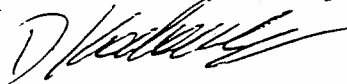
In conclusion, we would greatly appreciate your time and concern with respect to this matter. We at Lumbermen's Social Club feel that with your assistance we can satisfy the needs our members and continue to grow and become a productive and contributory business to this diverse and expanding community.

If you have any further questions or comments regarding this matter please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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Paskali Katanas, Manager



cc: Anthony Parr, City Manager