

TO: CITY MANAGER

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FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED GAMING FACILITIES IN ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES**

PURPOSE: To provide information on potential impacts on Burnaby's infrastructure and/or resources resulting from the development of gaming facilities in adjacent municipalities.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT Council forward the comments outlined in Section 2.0 of this report to:**
 1. Fraser Riverboat Corporation
#301 - 566 Lougheed Highway
Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 3S3
Fax: 931-4151
 2. Pacific Star Casino Inc.
#300 - 911 Homer Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2W6
Fax: 688-7749
 3. Provincial Lotteries Advisory Committee
P.O. Box 9311 Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9N1
Fax: 1-250-356-1910

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

As part of the current Provincial process for approving additional gaming facilities in British Columbia, the Province requires proponents of gaming facilities to notify adjacent municipalities of their intentions. The purpose of the notification is to provide adjacent municipalities with the opportunity to express any concerns regarding material issues they believe would affect them as a result of the project. The Province has defined *material issues* as "demonstrable impacts on the adjacent local government's infrastructure and/or resources by the proposed gaming establishment".

To date, Burnaby has received notification from proponents in adjacent municipalities for the following proposals:

- ▶ *two Mississippi-style riverboat destination casinos in the City of New Westminster at Westminster Quay.* The riverboats would be based in the City of New Westminster, with docking and support facilities located near the Westminster Quay. The vessels would not stop or dock at any other location. Under Provincial regulations, destination casinos are allowed to operate 14 hours per day (from noon until 2 a.m.), to offer up to 30 table games with betting limits of \$500 and 300 slot machines, and to have a licensed premises as part of the gaming complex (but separate from the gaming floor).

- ▶ *a charitable casino in the City of Vancouver, at 1128 West Hastings in the Delta Pinnacle Hotel.* The charitable casino would operate under the same rules as the destination casinos outlined above, except that charitable casinos are not allowed to have a licensed premises.

This report provides Council with staff comments on possible impacts.

2.0 POSSIBLE IMPACTS FOR BURNABY

Staff do not believe that any of the proposals will affect transportation, site servicing or infrastructure requirements in Burnaby. From an environmental perspective, the City would want assurances that litter control measures on the proposed New Westminster riverboat casinos were adequate to prevent garbage being thrown overboard into the Fraser River. The City would also want assurances that sufficient measures would be in place to control noise and disruption on the riverboats, particularly in the vicinity of Burnaby's Fraser Foreshore Park. The Burnaby RCMP have requested assurances that security for all the proposed casinos is adequate to address any criminal activities which may arise not only inside the premises but in areas surrounding the facilities.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that the proponents of the proposed casinos in New Westminster and Vancouver and the Provincial Lotteries Advisory Committee be informed of the environmental, nuisance and policing/security concerns outlined above.



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