

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

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information.

REPORT

Council, on 1997 May 05 received a staff report about the operation of Starlite Billiards at 3787 Canada Way. The report explained that staff, the R.C.M.P., local Strata Council representatives and the pool hall operator, Mr. Paul Choi, had undertaken to work together to deal with neighbourhood concerns about activities associated with the operation of the pool hall and crime in the area. Council will recall that the pool hall operator had agreed to implement measures designed to improve monitoring of activities in and around the pool hall. As well, a security firm was engaged to curb noise and other disturbances in the pool hall parking lot. This report is provided to Council as an update.

On 1997 May 08 and June 19, meetings were held to evaluate crime in the neighbourhood and the effect of measures undertaken by Starlite Billiards to alleviate the problems associated with the pool hall. Representatives of the Winchelsea Estates and Governor's Hill Strata Councils expressed their general satisfaction with the actions taken by Mr. Choi. Local residents feel that the presence of a security guard reduces noise and other disturbances in the pool hall parking lot. Traffic activity on Norfolk Street continues to cause concern and as a result, a study on traffic volumes and speed in the area will be undertaken by the Traffic section of the Engineering Department.


R.C.M.P. report the area around Starlite Billiards has a low amount of crime in relation to other areas of the City. The R.C.M.P. have seen no change to this situation since meeting with the pool hall owner.

Staff are in receipt of additional correspondence from the two Strata Councils that have communicated with Council on the operation of this business. The Governor's Hill Strata Council, representing property owners at 3767 Norfolk Street, indicates in their letter that vehicle traffic on Norfolk Street and parking lot activity associated with Starlite Billiards remains a concern. At a recent Strata Council meeting, these residents passed a motion to have the business licence of Starlite Billiards revoked.

Southview Property Management Inc., on behalf of the Winchelsea Estates Strata Council which represents property owners at 3733 Norfolk Street, has written requesting that a 10:00 p.m. weekday and 12 midnight weekend closing time be instituted for Starlite Billiards.

At our latest working group meeting on 1997 June 19, the recent correspondence was reviewed with Strata representatives. It was agreed that the group would continue to meet in order to seek resolution of outstanding concerns.

Unless otherwise directed by Council, staff will continue to work with the R.C.M.P., local residents and the operator of Starlite Billiards.


for Rick Earle
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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