
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2005 August 08

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF 600 SLOT MACHINES AT HASTINGS
RACECOURSE IN VANCOUVER

PURPOSE: To provide information on any potential impacts on Burnaby of the proposed introduction of 600 slot machines at Hastings Racecourse, located at 2901 Hastings Street in Vancouver

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Syd Baxter, City Clerk for the City of Vancouver, be advised in writing that the City of Burnaby does not believe it would be “materially affected” by the introduction of 600 slot machines at Hastings Racecourse in Vancouver.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

Under British Columbia’s Gaming Control Act, the British Columbia Lottery Corporation must not develop, use or operate a gaming facility; relocate an existing gaming facility; or substantially change the type or extent of lottery schemes or horse racing at a gaming facility unless it is satisfied that the host municipality in which the gaming facility is located has consulted each adjacent municipality or First Nation as to whether it believes it will be “materially affected” by the proposal. Section 11(2) of the Gaming Control Regulation defines “materially affected” as follows:

“For the purposes of the Act “materially affected”, in relation to a municipality, regional district or first nation, includes that, as a result of the proposal proceeding, the municipality, regional district or first nation can demonstrate a likelihood that it will

- a) *incur significant new infrastructure or policing costs, and/or*
- b) *experience increased traffic with a significant impact on its highways.*

The City of Burnaby has received correspondence from the City of Vancouver, dated 2005 July 12, inquiring as to whether Burnaby believes it would be “materially affected” by a proposal to introduce 600 slot machines at Hastings Racecourse at 2901 East

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Hastings Street in Vancouver. In order to fulfill Provincial requirements and proceed with development in a timely fashion, Vancouver has requested a response from Burnaby by 2005 August 16.

2.0 POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON BURNABY

Staff from the Planning and Engineering Departments, as well as representatives from the Burnaby Detachment of the RCMP, have reviewed the Vancouver proposal. Staff do not foresee any impacts from the Vancouver proposal which could be considered "material" under the definition provided by the Province. However, Planning Department staff note that it is somewhat difficult to estimate traffic impacts in the absence of a traffic study, which the City of Vancouver is currently undertaking. Nevertheless, it is believed that peak traffic hours for the gaming facility will not coincide with peak traffic hours for commuters, and that any traffic impacts of the facility will be experienced primarily on Vancouver streets.

3.0 CONCLUSION

It is the view of staff that the introduction of 600 slot machines at Hastings Racecourse in Vancouver will not cause Burnaby to incur significant new infrastructure or policing costs, or to experience significantly increased traffic. Staff recommend that Syd Baxter, City Clerk for the City of Vancouver, be advised of this conclusion.



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