
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2006 March 13

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: ROOM RENTAL REGULATION FOR HOTELS AND MOTELS

PURPOSE: To provide information requested by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

Council, at the Closed Council meeting held on 2006 January 16, introduced and adopted the following motion:

“THAT staff prepare a report on the advisability and feasibility of amending the Business Licence Bylaw to require full day rentals in hotels and motels.”

This report provides the information requested by Council.

The fundamental powers of the Community Charter state that Council may, by bylaw, regulate in relation to business. The legislation also states more specifically, that Council may, by bylaw, require operators of premises in which rooms or suites are let for living purposes to maintain, in accordance with the bylaw, a register of persons living there. The City Solicitor is of the view that the power to regulate in relation to business would in the case of motels, include the power to establish, by bylaw, minimum room rental periods (eg: half day or day) if Council determined that doing so was in the public interest.

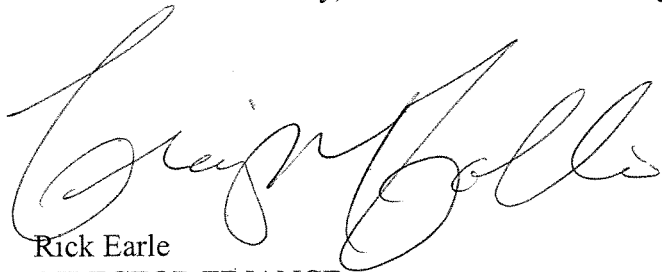
There are eleven businesses licensed to operate as hotels or motels in the City. These businesses have been contacted to identify if their operations include partial day or hourly room rentals. The larger hotels offer partial day, hospitality suites for corporate clients attending functions at the hotel. The same service is offered to hotel patrons involved in social functions such as weddings. No hotel or motel reports to provide rooms on an hourly basis.

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Over the past two years, the RCMP twice reported concerns relating to short term room rentals at motels. In each situation, these concerns were effectively addressed on an individual basis.

In light of the partial day services offered by hotels in Burnaby and the City's ability to address hotel operational issues under current legislation, a bylaw amendment to require full day room rentals is not recommended. Unless otherwise directed, staff will continue to work with the RCMP when necessary, to address issues relating to hotel operations on an individual basis.



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