



**MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14th STREET,
NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015.****

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor D. Mussatto
Councillor H. Back
Councillor D. Bell
Councillor P. Bookham
Councillor L. Buchanan
Councillor R. Clark
Councillor C. Keating

STAFF MEMBERS

K. Tollstam, CAO
K. Graham, City Clerk
J. Ficocelli, Deputy City Clerk
B. Themens, Director, Finance
G. Penway, Director, Community Development
M. Epp, City Planner
L. Orr, Manager, Lands & Business Services
P. Penner, Community Planner
D. Mitic, Manager, Transportation
C. Kennedy, OIC, RCMP
S. Wilks, Timekeeper

The Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Re: Current Zoning Bylaw Prohibition on Gaming Facilities Within
the City of North Vancouver – File: 13-6970-01-0001/2015**

Chair: Councillor Rod Clark

Purpose: The purpose of the Policy Committee Meeting is to consider the current Zoning Bylaw prohibition on gaming facilities within the City of North Vancouver.

1. STAFF PRESENTATION

The City Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the current prohibition on gaming facilities within the City of North Vancouver.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- Greg Walker, Director, Public Affairs, British Columbia Lottery Corporation.
- Arthur Villa, Coordinator, Business Development, Playtime Community Gaming Centres Inc.
- Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health.

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3. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Email dated April 20, 2015, from Alison Caldwell Johnson, 409 East 14th Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition.
- Email dated April 20, 2015, from Jocelyn Moon, 902-168 East Esplanade, North Vancouver, expressing opposition.
- Email dated April 20, 2015, from Ron Polly, 842 Cumberland Crescent, North Vancouver, expressing opposition.
- Letter dated April 20, 2015, from Louise Ranger, North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, expressing support.
- Email dated April 20, 2015, from Betty Escott, 1005-1515 Eastern Avenue, North Vancouver, expressing opposition.
- Email dated April 20, 2015, from Louise and Ray Verrall, North Vancouver, expressing opposition.
- Letter dated April 19, 2015, from Arthur Davies, 344 West 20th Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition.
- Email dated April 16, 2015, from Erinne Cowan, 433 East 17th Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillor Clark called for speakers from the gallery:

In Support

- Leslie Glasgow, 120 West 16th Street, North Vancouver, spoke in support of a gaming facility on the North Shore.
- David Sheach, Executive Director, BC Association for Charitable Gaming, 34248 Woodbine Crescent, Abbotsford, spoke in support of a gaming facility on the North Shore and commented on the investment of health, education and social services by responsible gambling.
- Nejia Fliss, 254 East 20th Street, North Vancouver, spoke in support of a gaming facility on the North Shore, siting generation of employment opportunities, revenue for the City and responsible gambling.
- Deborah Howard, 310-208 West 3rd Street, North Vancouver spoke in support of a gaming facility on the North Shore, siting responsible gambling and employment.
- Louise Ranger, Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of Commerce, 124 West 4th Street, North Vancouver, spoke in support of a gaming facility on the North Shore, siting property taxes, community meeting space and economic benefits to the City.

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4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Continued

With Concerns

- John Babcock, 365 East Keith Road, North Vancouver, expressed concern for slot machines as compared to gaming tables.
- Ivan Leonard, 215 St. Andrew's Avenue, North Vancouver, inquired regarding distribution of information and discussions with the community to provide information on gaming.

In Opposition

- William Mullaly, 378 East Keith Road, North Vancouver, spoke in opposition to Council making a decision on gaming and requested that a plebiscite be considered.
- Fred Dawkins, 827 West 19th Street, North Vancouver, inquired regarding the research used to conclude that a gaming facility would be supported on the North Shore and spoke in opposition to a gaming facility, siting that it does not fit with the character of the community, revenue from gaming is unethical and slot machines represent a lack of social connectivity.
- Marianne Ketchen, 445 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, spoke in opposition to gaming on the North Shore and supports a plebiscite to determine support for gaming.
- Brenda Rovner, 443 Lyon Place, North Vancouver, spoke in opposition to gaming on the North Shore, siting there are no societal benefits and the effect on the character and culture of the North Shore.
- Former Chief Leonard George, 700 Apex Road, North Vancouver, spoke in opposition to a gaming facility on the North Shore and expressed concern of consulting with the First Nations.
- D. Moretto, 500 Alpine Court, North Vancouver, spoke in opposition to the process to consider gaming, and inquired about the Request for Proposal process.
- Gloria Lorenz, 95 St. Andrew's Avenue, North Vancouver, voiced opposition to a gaming facility and that it would be unsuitable for the community.
- Susan Conn, 349 East 8th Street, North Vancouver, on behalf of Grand Boulevard Residents Association, spoke in opposition to a gaming facility on the North Shore.
- Kerry Morris, 784 East 13th Street, North Vancouver, spoke in opposition to a gaming facility on the North Shore, siting employment, social gaming issues, and inquired if discussions had been held with the other North Shore municipalities.

5. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Greg Walker, Arthur Villa and Dr. Lysyshyn responded to questions from members of the Policy Committee.

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6. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved by Mayor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Buchanan

THAT staff report back with respect to the following:

1. information from other Lower Mainland municipalities, both with and without a community gaming facility, regarding similar application experiences;
2. how other municipalities with gaming facilities use the funds received;
3. options for the use of funds anticipated to be received from a community gaming in the City;
4. the health impacts and effects of electronic gaming machines (slot machines) as compared to table games;
5. public health information regarding the specific social issues anticipated as a result of expanding gaming facilities in the Lower Mainland, as compared to online gaming;
6. the business model and composition of a community gaming facility in the City as compared to other similar facilities in the region;
7. the cost of conducting a plebiscite.

CARRIED

Councillor Bookham is recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Mayor Mussatto

THAT the Policy Committee Meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

“Certified Correct by the City Clerk”

Karla D. Graham, City Clerk