



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** October 31, 2018
From: Carli Williams, P.Eng. **File:** 12-8060-02-01/2018-
 Manager, Community Bylaws and Licencing Vol 01
Re: **Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9961**
4211 No. 3 Road

Staff Recommendation

That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9961, which amends Schedule A of Bylaw No. 7538, to add the address of 4211 No. 3 Road among the sites that permit an Amusement Centre to operate, be given first, second and third readings.

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Att. 1

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Staff Report

Origin

One of the categories of regulated businesses in Richmond is Amusement Centre which contains Amusement Machines, defined in Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 as:

A machine on which mechanical, electrical, automatic or computerized games are played for amusement or entertainment, and for which a coin or token must be inserted or a fee charged for use, and includes machines used for the purposes of gambling.

Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 restricts a business from operating with more than four amusement machines unless the location is listed in Schedule A of the bylaw. This report deals with an application received from Myesports Ventures Ltd., doing business as: The Gaming Stadium, (hereinafter referred to as The Gaming Stadium). The Gaming Stadium is requesting to operate 60 computer game systems for patrons to participate or watch “esport” events from premises situated at 4211 No. 3 Road. This location is not listed as an approved address on Schedule A.

The Gaming Stadium is a new business and this company and its directors have no history with the City of Richmond. This site has recently been used for the Titanic artifact exhibit.

Analysis

Amusement Centre regulations and definitions cover different types of amusement machines such as 3D virtual reality computerized games, console gaming, computer games in internet cafés and traditional arcades. Amusement Centres are a regulated business because of their historical impact on the community. Regulations have been introduced to minimize these risks, including restricted operating hours, prohibition on children under 15 to be present during school hours and rules prohibiting gambling, fighting, and consumption of alcohol. Further regulations are in place through the Zoning Bylaw which restricts Amusements Centres to a few zones and each location must be approved and added to Schedule A of the Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538. These businesses may be inspected from time to time to ensure regulatory compliance of the regulations.

The location the applicant is intending to operate is zoned Auto-Oriented Commercial (CA), which permits among other uses, Amusement Centre. This parcel contains a single building with no additional units. This zone provides for a mix of commercial and related uses oriented to vehicular access. There are currently three commercial businesses operating on this property. Businesses range from various permitted uses such as: office and retail, general. This property is situated on No. 3 Road, at Browngate Road (Attachment1).

In addition to the bylaw amendment, the applicant will be required to ensure that the premises meets all building and health regulations before a Business Licence would be issued

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Amusement Centres are regulated under the City's Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538 and staff are recommending that the applicant's request for 4211 No. 3, be added to Schedule A of the bylaw to allow more than four amusement machines to be operated.

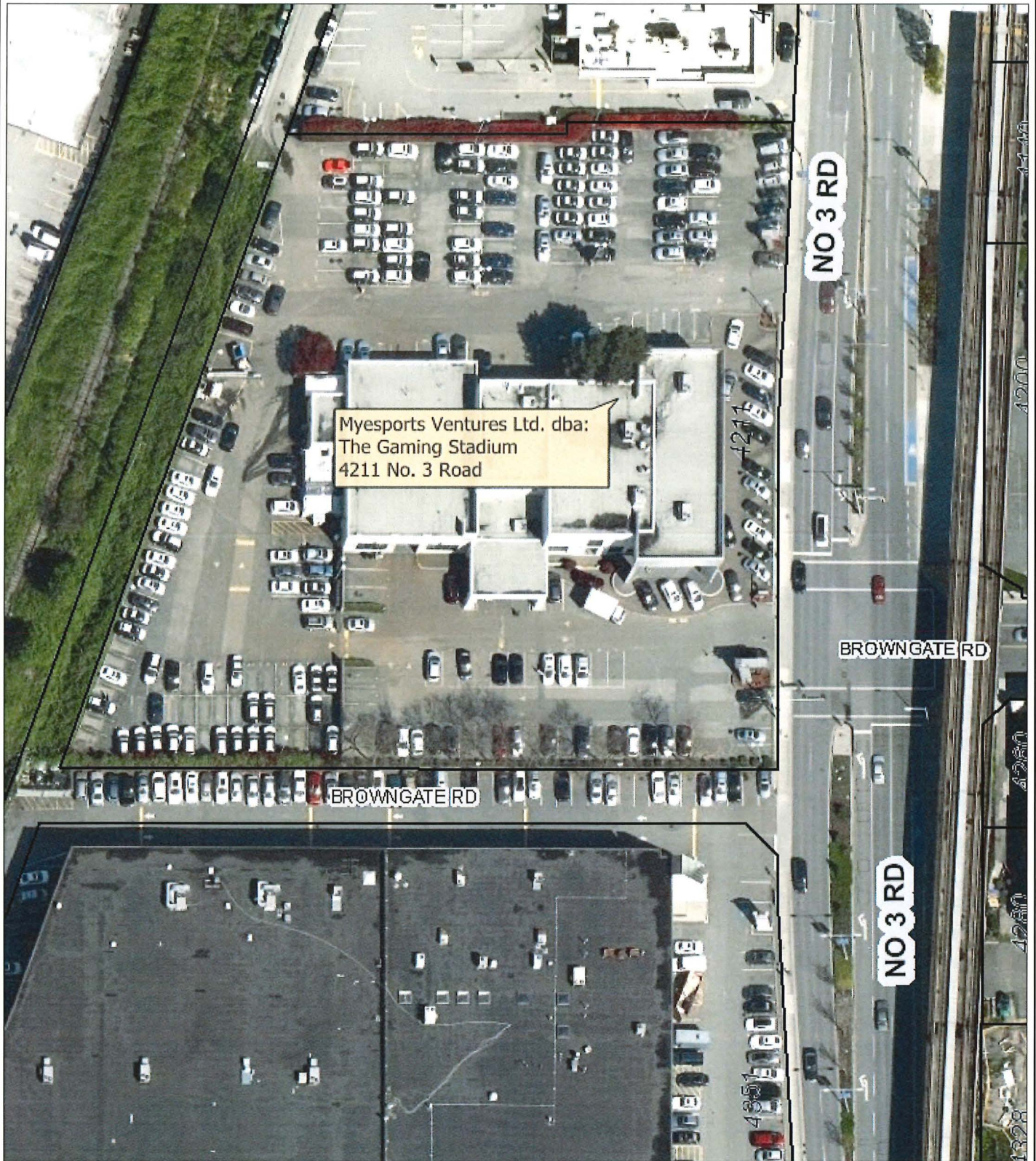


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Att. 1: Aerial View Map

City of Richmond Interactive Map



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Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9961

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. That Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, as amended, is further amended by adding the following address in Schedule A item 8:

Civic Address	Civic Number	Original Bylaw Reference
8. No. 3 Road	4211	9961

and renumbering the rest of the remaining items in Schedule A in numerical order.

- 2. This Bylaw is cited as **“Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 9961”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

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MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER