



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Proposed “Substantial Change” of Cascades Casino**

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the letter from BCLC dated January 15, 2018 regarding Cascade Casino's application for a proposed “Substantial Change” be received for information.
2. THAT City Council endorse the consultation process as outlined in the attached report relating to Cascades Casino's application for a proposed “Substantial Change” to their gaming facility pursuant to the *Gaming Control Act*.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) outlined information pertaining to the statutory requirements pursuant to the *Gaming Control Act* for a proposed “substantial change” to the Cascades Casino gaming facility located at 20393 Fraser Highway (copy attached). The proposed substantial change would be to add bingo as a gaming product at their existing gaming facility.

POLICY:

Gaming Control Act and Gaming Control Regulation

Pursuant to the *Gaming Control Act* and *Gaming Control Regulation*, as a host local government, the City of Langley is required to undertake a specific process before it can provide approval to BCLC for the proposed substantial change to Cascades Casino's gaming facility.

City of Langley Zoning Bylaw

In 2003, the subject property was re-zoned to CD15 Comprehensive Development Zone pursuant to City of Langley Zoning Bylaw, 1996, No. 2100. This zone is intended to accommodate and regulate the development of an integrated hotel, convention centre, and gaming activity facility with complementary accessory uses, based on a comprehensive development plan. *Gaming Activity* is defined as: “the use of land, buildings or structures or any part thereof for any game of chance played with cards, dice, or any mechanical or electronic device or machine for money, token or anything of value”. Therefore, the proposed substantial change to add bingo as a gaming product at the Cascades Casino is permitted.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

In order to comply with the *Gaming Control Act* and the Regulation, the City must complete the following steps:

1. Consult with Potentially Affected Local Governments:

Section 19 (1) of the *Gaming Control Act* requires that before BCLC can approve a substantial change at a gaming facility, they must be satisfied that the host local government has consulted with each potentially affected local government. Section 12.1 (11) of the Gaming Control Regulation specifies that “potentially affected local government” is a municipality, regional district or first nation that has authority over land use planning for an area that is within 5 km from the perimeter of the gaming facility. A copy of all consultation letters must be forwarded to Legal Services at BCLC. The consultation process must be completed and any responses considered before the City can approve the proposal.

2. Community Input:

Prior to giving approval to the proposal, the City must demonstrate that it sought and considered community input by:

- A. Giving adequate public notice which includes the particulars of the new type of casino gaming that is proposed to be added; and
- B. Providing an opportunity for local residents and representatives to provide comments, information and representations concerning the proposal either by public hearing, public meeting or referendum.

Recommended Consultation Process

1. Potentially Affected Local Governments

The Township of Langley and City of Surrey are located within 5 km of the gaming facility. Therefore, it is recommended that a letter will be sent to both municipalities informing them of the proposed substantial change and that they may provide written comments to the City within 30 days after the receipt of the consultation notice.

2. Community Input

It is recommended that a Public Notice be placed on the City's website and in the Langley Advance community newspaper. The Notice will include the particulars of the new type of casino gaming that is proposed to be added to the facility. Members of the public will be invited to submit written comments and / or attend the public meeting.

It is recommended that a Public Meeting be held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Langley City Hall Council Chambers to provide an opportunity for local residents and representatives to provide comments, information and representations concerning the proposed substantial change. The format of the Public Meeting is proposed as follows:

- A speaker sign-up sheet will available in the Council Chambers.
- Representatives from BCLC and Cascades Casino will each make a presentation to provide information regarding the proposed Substantial Change to accommodate the bingo facility.
- After the presentations, attendees will be provided with the opportunity to provide feedback and to ask questions regarding the proposed Substantial Change. Each speaker will be allotted up to 5 minutes to speak.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

A notice in the newspaper will cost approximately \$500.00.

Host local governments where gaming facilities are located receive a 10 percent share of the net income generated by the gaming facility.

ALTERNATIVES:

That City Council consider changing the format of the Public Meeting.

That City Council consider changing the type of public consultation process for local residents and representatives (e.g. public hearing or referendum).

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachments: 1: Letter from BCLC dated January 15, 2018
 2: City of Langley Zoning Bylaw CD 15 Zone
 3: Zoning Bylaw definition of ‘Gaming Activity’
 4: Project Overview: Playtime Langley Bingo Relocation to
 Cascades Casino Langley