



## MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers, Langley City Hall  
20399 Douglas Crescent**

**Council Present:**

Mayor Schaffer  
Councillor Arnold  
Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Pachal  
Councillor Storteboom  
Councillor van den Broek

**Staff Present:**

F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services  
G. Minchuk, Director of Development Services and Economic Development  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS & FORMAT OF MEETING**

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for residents to receive information and provide comments on Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited's proposal to relocate its existing bingo operations from the Playtime Langley facility in the Township of Langley to the former Summit Theatre location at Cascades Casino in Langley City.

The Mayor introduced representatives of Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Ltd. who were in attendance as follows:

Jag Nijjar, Chief Administrative Officer  
Randy Sears, Senior Vice President and Managing Director  
Shiera Stuart, Director, Government Relations

The Mayor introduced Jerry Williamson, Director Gaming Facilities & Development, British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) who was in attendance as BCLC's representative.

The Mayor then outlined the format for the meeting.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### **a. British Columbia Lottery Corporation**

Jerry Williamson, Director Gaming Facilities & Development, British Columbia Lottery Corporation, provided a presentation on the facility development process, providing information on the following:

- Roles and responsibilities of BCLC, Gateway Casinos and the City with respect to Gateway Casino's proposal to add bingo as a gaming product at the Cascades Casino in the City of Langley;
- Definition of what is considered a "substantial change" under the Gaming Control Act and the requirements when undertaking a substantial change to a gaming facility;
- The requirement that the host municipality advise potentially affected local governments within 5 km of the gaming facility of the substantial change and provide an opportunity for comment;
- The requirement to obtain adequate community input from the community in which the substantial change will occur.

### **b. Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Ltd.**

Shiera Stuart, Director, Government Relations, Randy Sears –Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Ltd., provided a presentation on the following:

- Background and overview of the proposal to relocate the bingo facility from the Township to the City;
- Expected incremental revenue from the relocation of the bingo facility to the City;
- Rationale for moving live entertainment from current theatre at Cascades Casino to convention space:
  - Room capacity issues
  - Age restriction
- The move won't affect current schedule of events;
- First event in the new space scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>;
- Existing bingo operations in the Playtime Langley facility in the Township will be moved to the former Summit theatre in the City.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Glen Kupser, 103 – 5664 – 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Langley, currently frequents the bingo hall in the Township and also goes to the Cascades Casino in the City. He expressed concern that it is already difficult to find parking at the Cascades Casino on weekends; adding a larger live entertainment venue and bingo hall to the casino will create more parking issues. There needs to be adequate parking for seniors who can't always walk long distances and may not feel safe walking to and from the parkade at night.

Debbie Gothreau, 9208 159A Street, Surrey, frequents the bingo hall in the township three to five times a week. She expressed concern that many bingo players are elderly and/or handicapped and have difficulty walking long distances. She suggested there needs to be a shorter way for bingo players to get to the bingo hall through the casino. She also expressed concern that there didn't appear to be very many bingo terminals at the new site and the majority of bingo players are terminal players. Mr. Randy Sears, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Gateway Casinos, confirmed there are 270 terminals on the main floor as well as booths for paper play.

Glen Kupser, 103 – 5664 – 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Langley, speaking a second time, asked what is being proposed for the upper deck. Mr. Sears advised that currently there are tables in that area which provides the potential for paper play.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else who wished to ask a question or provide a comment. There were no further speakers.

**4. TERMINATION**

The meeting concluded at 7:22 pm.

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CORPORATE OFFICER