

December 8, 2015
File: British Columbia Lottery Corporation

Greg Walker, Director of Public Affairs
British Columbia Lottery Corporation
2940 Virtual Way
Vancouver, BC
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Dear Mr. Walker:

RE: The Township of Esquimalt's Request to be Considered as a Host Local Government for a Gaming Facility

In response to the request from the British Columbia Lottery Corporation in their letter to me dated September 30, 2015, I am pleased to inform you that at their regular meeting on December 7, 2015, Council passed the following motion:

That the Council of the Township of Esquimalt provide an expression of interest to the British Columbia Lottery Corporation to be considered as a potential Host Local Government for a gaming facility.

The answers to the seven questions in the original letter are found in Appendix "A" to this letter. Please contact Laurie Hurst, our Chief Administrative Officer, with details about how the process will proceed from here. Ms. Hurst can be contacted via e-mail at laurie.hurst@esquimalt.ca or by phone at 250-414-7133.

Yours truly,

Barbara Desjardins, Mayor

cc Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix "A"
Answers to the Seven Questions

- 1) Is there an Official Community Plan or equivalent that supports the establishment of gaming within your community?

The Official Community Plan is silent on the issue of gaming; however, since all bylaws must be consistent with the Official Community Plan, it is legally not possible for the it to support gaming since the Zoning Bylaw prohibits it.

- 2) Is there an area zoned in your community in which gaming is a permitted use?

Section 30.1 of the Zoning Bylaw states: "No person shall Use any land, Building or Structure for any Gaming Activity". "Gaming Activity" is defined in the Zoning Bylaw as: "means any game played on any mechanical or electronic device or machine for money, or anything of value, but excludes the purchase and sale of lottery tickets and electronic bingo in licensed bingo facilities".

- 3) Are there any existing resolutions against or other restrictions on establishing gaming facilities in your community?

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- 4) Are there any existing resolutions or restrictions that would limit the type of gaming that could be included in a future facility?

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- 5) Are there any existing resolutions or restrictions that would limit the number of gaming machines (slot machines) that could be included in a future facility?

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- 6) Are there any existing resolutions or restrictions that would limit the number of table games that could be included in future (sic) facility?

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- 7) Is there another gaming facility of any kind, within the borders of your community?

Bingo Esquimalt is located with the boundaries of the Township of Esquimalt.