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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	July 11, 2001
FROM:	City Manager	FILE:	0042-081
SUBJECT:	Gaming Policy		

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council receive the attached Gaming Policy.
2. Council approve the Gaming Policy.

BACKGROUND

On January 25, 2001, Council established a Council Committee on Gaming, consisting of Councillors Villeneuve, Watts and Hunt, with Councillor Tymoshuck as the Chair. The Terms of Reference for the committee as approved by Council, are attached as Appendix A. One of the mandates was to recommend to Council a Gaming Policy and a policy framework to govern the regulation, prohibition, operation and expansion of any form of gaming in the City of Surrey.

DISCUSSION

The Gaming Committee has held several meetings including discussions with senior officials of the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC). The Committee also heard a delegation from Cloverdale and Fraser Downs related to their "Destination Cloverdale" proposal, which includes provision for a gaming facility.

To provide guidance and decision making for gaming and gaming issues, the Gaming Committee has developed a Gaming Policy. Key principles guiding the development of this policy include:

- Gaming in Surrey is to remain restricted and is only to be considered if it is part of a “cluster of tourism” type facility, which is regional/provincial in scope.
- All “gaming” applications to undergo a comprehensive public consultation including a Public Hearing.
- Each application must undertake a Comprehensive Impact Analysis including problem gambling impacts.
- Gambling applications must ensure adequate provision of resources and programs to deal with problem gambling impacts.
- The City's share of revenues from casinos must not be allocated for the City's normal general operating needs.

Based on the above principles, the Gaming Committee has developed a Gaming Policy. This policy has been discussed with the Senior Officials of the British Columbia Lottery Corporation.

It is the recommendation of the Gaming Committee that Council review and approve the attached Gaming Policy (Appendix B).

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