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EXTRACT 25  
2 OCTOBER 2012

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DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 25  
LE 2 OCTOBRE 2012

CITY OF OTTAWA'S RESPONSE TO ONTARIO LOTTERY GAMING  
CORPORATION REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
ACS2012-CMR-OCM-0021 CITY-WIDE

*(Timed item – 5:00 p.m.)*

### **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:

1. Approve that the City of Ottawa respond to the Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation's ("OLG") Request for Interest (RFI) by sending a letter from the Mayor stating that the City of Ottawa supports in principle becoming a "host city" for a gaming entertainment centre;
2. Direct staff to provide an analysis that gives a broad picture of the potential economic benefits and impacts of a gaming facility for the City of Ottawa. As part of this analysis, staff will consult with relevant stakeholders and consult with Ottawa Public Health staff on the potential public health impacts of an expanded gaming facility in Ottawa, including providing an overview of the current mitigation measures for populations at-risk of problem gambling. The staff report will be provided to FEDCO and Council when Council reconsiders the matter once a preferred proponent has been selected by OLG.

Mr. Saad Bashir, Director of Economic Development and Innovation, introduced this item by making some opening remarks to provide some context on this issue.

The following representatives from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) appeared before Committee: Rod Phillips, President and CEO, Giacomo (Jake) Pastore, Community and Municipal Relations Gaming Portfolio Manager, and Paul Pellizzari, Director of Policy and Social Responsibility.

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Pellizzari spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide Committee with an overview of the OLG's modernization plan. A copy of their presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Following their presentation, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Pellizzari responded to questions from Committee members.

Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

- Dave Donaldson, Ottawa Chamber of Commerce
- Adam Slight, Ottawa Rickshaws
- Ann Tremblay, Ottawa International Airport Authority
- Martha Jackman, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Gerry LePage, Bank Street BIA
- Carol Wu, Amethyst Women's Addiction Centre
- Athos Sani, Friends of Ottawa
- Diana Ward, resident
- Noel Buckley, Ottawa Tourism
- Suzanne Langlois Mooney, resident
- Alex Roussakis, Centretown Community Health Centre
- Diane McIntyre, resident
- Dallas Smith, Mental Health Counselor, LESA program
- John MacMillan, National Capital Region Harness Horse Association (NCRHHA)
- Alex Lawryk, Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre
- Jon Legg, resident
- Liam Mooney, resident
- Paul Welsh, Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services
- Anna Cuylits, resident
- Brian Tansey, resident
- James O'Grady, resident
- Harry Schlange, resident
- Joanne Lefebvre and Anne-Marie Éthier, Regroupement des gens d'affaires de la capitale nationale
- Kris Nanda, Riverview Park Community Association
- Doug Rochow, resident
- Adam Awad, Canadian Federation of Students
- Arlene Borg, resident
- Itza Schachtler, resident
- Bill Driver, resident
- Gordon McDonald, National Capital Region Harness Horse Association (NCRHHA)

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The following written submissions were received in relation to this item and are held on file with the City Clerk:

- Submission from Amy Griffin;
- Submission from Anne de Stecher;
- Letter from the Bank Street BIA;
- Submission from Diana Ward;
- Submission from Gay Richardson;
- Submission from Greg Reilly;
- Submission from Inga D'Arcy;
- Submission from Inge Vander Horst;
- Submission from Isabel Hobson;
- Submission from Janet Riehm;
- Submission from Lawrence S. Cumming;
- Submission from Linda Kimpe; and
- Submission from Margaret Cumming.
- Letter from Dick Brown, Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association;
- Submission from Lyle Young and Elisabeth Salm;
- Submission Paul Welsh, Rideau Addiction and Family Services; and
- Submission from Danny Handelman.
- E-mail from Doug Rochow;
- Submission from Kris Nanda
- Letter from the Kanata Chamber of Commerce;
- Submission and supporting document from Athos Sani, Friends of Ottawa;
- Submission from Harry Schlange;
- Submission from Diane McIntyre;
- Documents from the Centretown Community Health Centre;
- Comment sheet from Margaret Moriarty;
- Comment sheet from Ann Young;
- Comment sheet from Deborah Hanscom; and
- Comment sheet from Lauren Rock.

After hearing from the delegations, Committee Members posed questions of staff with respect to the report recommendations and their implications.

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Following these exchanges, Committee considered the following motions.

MOTION FED 25/10

Moved by Councillor D. Thompson

**WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa has had a long-standing, successful relationship with the Rideau Carleton Raceway and the City recognizes the importance of the Raceway to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS** the City recognizes the challenges facing the Rideau Carleton Raceway following the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's announcement that it will end its Slots at Racetracks Program; and

**WHEREAS** the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has appointed a 3-member panel to work with the horse racing industry to develop a vision for the future, advise on the modernization of other industry revenue sources to assist the industry to become more sustainable as well as draft ways to allocate \$50 million in transitional funding over three years and, while the City supports this process, it recognizes that the Request for Proposal process for the new gaming facility will begin before the panel completes its work; and

**WHEREAS** the City wishes to encourage the Rideau Carleton Raceway to compete in the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's upcoming Request for Proposal process for a gaming facility while the Ontario Horse Racing Transition panel completes its work;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor's letter stating the City of Ottawa's support in principle for becoming a "host city" for a gaming entertainment centres include the following:

1. That the City of Ottawa strongly encourages the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation establish an Request for Proposal process that is fair, transparent, open and competitive and which provides all proponents, including the Rideau Carleton Raceway, an opportunity to compete within a level playing field; and
2. That the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation consider providing an opportunity for the Rideau Carleton Raceway to be pre-qualified to take

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**part in the final bidding process, given their strong record of success in the Ottawa region.**

**CARRIED**

**YEAS (10): R. Chiarelli, P. Clark, K. Egli, A. Hubley, P. Hume, M. McRae, M. Taylor, D. Thompson, M. Wilkinson, Mayor Watson**  
**NAYS (1): D. Deans**

**MOTION FED 25/11**

Moved by Councillor P. Clark

**WHEREAS ON September 27, 2012, staff issued a REVISED page 299 (REVISED page 306 in the French version) with respect to the above-noted report;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approved the report as amended by the REVISED pages 299 and 306 (French version).**

**CARRIED**

Committee then considered the report recommendations, as amended by Motions FED 25/10 and FED 25/11. Councillor Deans asked for a separate vote on recommendation 1 of the report.

**That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:**

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3. That the Mayor's letter stating the City of Ottawa's support in principle for becoming a "host city" for a gaming entertainment centres include the following:
  - a) That the City of Ottawa strongly encourages the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation establish an Request for Proposal process that is fair, transparent, open and competitive and which provides all proponents, including the Rideau Carleton Raceway, an opportunity to compete within a level playing field; and
  - b) That the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation consider providing an opportunity for the Rideau Carleton Raceway to be pre-qualified to take part in the final bidding process, given their strong record of success in the Ottawa region.
4. That the report be amended by the REVISED pages 299 and 306 (French version) issued on September 27, 2012.

CARRIED, as amended