



File No. ACS2017-PIE-EDP-0030

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Mr. Stephen Rigby
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Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation
4120 Yonge Street, Suite 500
Toronto, ON M2P 2B8

Re: Ontario Regulation 81/12: Municipal Requirements for the Establishment of Rideau Carleton Raceway as a Gaming Site

Mr. Rigby,

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 81/12, Subsection 2(2) paragraph 3 of the *Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act, 1999*, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) that Ottawa City Council has approved a resolution in support of establishing the Rideau Carleton Raceway (4837 Albion Road) as a Gaming Site. Further, this letter also outlines the steps the City of Ottawa took to seek public input into the establishment of the proposed gaming site, and provides a summary of the public input received.

Approval of a Resolution Establishing the Rideau Carleton Raceway (4837 Albion Road) as a Gaming Site

The Council of the City of Ottawa, at its meeting of September 13, 2017, approved the following recommendations as contained in Finance and Economic Development Committee Report 27, Item 6:

That Council approve:

- 1. The establishment of the Rideau Carleton Raceway (4837 Albion Road) as a Gaming Site, by resolution, in accordance with requirements set out**

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in Subsection 2(2)3.ii of Ontario Regulation 81/12, as described in this report;

- 2. The process for the municipality to seek public input into the establishment of the proposed Gaming Site at Rideau Carleton Raceway (4837 Albion Road) in accordance with requirements set out in Subsection 2(2)3.i of Ontario Regulation 81/12 , and as described in this report;**
- 3. That the City Clerk and Solicitor be delegated the authority to provide the Council approval and public input to the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation in the form required by the Province of Ontario;**

A copy of the report, as amended by the Finance and Economic Development Committee (FEDCO), is enclosed as Attachment 1 to this letter, along the draft minutes of the September 5, 2017 FEDCO meeting and the September 13, 2017, City Council meeting at which it was considered (Attachments 2 and 3 to this letter).

Public Input into the Establishment of a Gaming Site at the Rideau Carleton Raceway

Subsection 2(2)3.i of O. Reg. 81/12 requires the municipality to seek public input into the establishment of the proposed gaming site and gives the Corporation, in writing, a description of the steps it took to do so and a summary of the public input it received.

As described in the above-noted report, in 2012 and 2013, Ottawa City Council previously considered the OLG request for proposal process, with the Rideau Carleton Raceway as a preferred site, and then as the sole acceptable location, a number of times. Public delegations were received at public Committee meetings throughout that process. A summary of the delegations received at related public meetings is noted in the above-noted report. A copy of the Minutes from these meetings, and copies of each written submissions received, are enclosed as Attachment 7 to this letter

Although those earlier public meetings were not for the specific purpose of seeking input under O. Reg. 81/12, the establishment of the Rideau Carleton Raceway as a gaming site in Ottawa has been known for some time, and has been the subject of previous public consultation. Given that, and given the fact that any future expansion plans proposed by Hard Rock Ottawa will be brought forward through the established public planning procedures, the City undertook the following process to seek public input on the question of establishing Rideau Carleton Raceway (4837 Albion Road) as a gaming site to meet the requirements of Subsection 2(2)3.i of Ontario Regulation 81/12 and allow Hard Rock Ottawa to assume the day-to-day operations of the Rideau Carleton Raceway as planned:

1. On August 24, 2017 the City of Ottawa posted a public service announcement (PSA) on its website advising the public that the City has received a letter on behalf of the Rideau Carleton Raceway/ Hard Rock Ottawa asking the City to formally adopt a resolution to establish the Rideau Carleton Raceway as the site for gaming.

The PSA advised that a report would be brought forward to the September 5, 2017 FEDCO meeting and the September 13, 2017, City Council meeting requesting that Council adopt such a resolution as required by Subsection 2(2)3.ii of Ontario Regulation 81/12.

The PSA also sought public input on that request, and indicated the channels through which public input could be provided. The request for public input was also posted on the City of Ottawa's Public Engagement page, where all City Public Consultations are listed. A copy of the PSA and accompanying consultation page are enclosed as Attachments 3 and 4.

2. The City publicly released and posted to the City's website the interim FEDCO agenda including the aforementioned report on August 24, 2017, five days in advance of the usual agenda distribution date, and 12 days in advance of the public meeting at FEDCO.
3. The Public was requested to provide input to the Finance and Economic Development Committee and Council by appearing as a delegation at FEDCO or submitting comments in writing prior to Council consideration of the report on September 13, 2017;

At the September 5, 2017 FEDCO meeting, one delegation appeared in support of the report recommendations, representing Hard Rock Ottawa. Mr. Alan Cohen, Soloway/Wright, noted that he supported the report recommendations.

Committee and Council also received 13 written submissions prior to the approval of the report recommendations by Council on September 13, 2017. Of these, 11 were in support of the establishment of a gaming site at the Rideau Carleton Raceway (4837 Albion Road). A list of written submissions received is below:

1. Mark Lamoureux, President, Gloucester Agricultural Society, Capital Fair – in support
2. Denis Ethier, Rideau Carleton Raceway Cruise Night – in support
3. Gino A. Milito, President, Osgood Ward Business Association – in support
4. Melanie Richard, Chair, Greely Business Association – in support
5. Grace Thrasher, President, Manotick Village Community Association – in support

6. Gordon McDonald, President, National Capital Region Harness Horse Association – in support
7. Michael Crockatt, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ottawa Tourism – in support
8. Denis Ethier, Rideau Carleton Raceway Flea Market – in support
9. Daniel Lucente – in support
10. Michael Bourdeau, Regional Account Executive, Sales and Business Development, SC360 – in support
11. Ian Faris, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ottawa Chamber of Commerce – in support
12. Tim and Steve Beauchesne, Co-founders, Beau's All Natural Brewing - requesting that the inclusion of local suppliers of craft beer be part of the expectations from the City of Ottawa in allowing the development to take place.
13. Kathy Donahue, 4959 Albion Road, with concerns and requesting more information about how her property would be affected.

You will find enclosed the minutes from the FEDCO meeting of September 5, 2017 as well as a copy of each written submission received (See Attachment 6)

I trust that the foregoing serves to satisfy the City of Ottawa's municipal requirements under Ontario Regulation 81/12, Subsection 2(2) paragraph 3 of the *Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act*, 1999, as it pertains to the establishment of the Rideau Carleton Raceway (4837 Albion Road) as a Gaming Site.

Should you require further information, do not hesitate to contact me directly at (613) 580-2424, extension 21215 or by email at Rick.OConnor@ottawa.ca.

Yours truly,



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John Smit, Director of Economic Development and Long Range Planning

Attachments:

- 1) Report entitled *Ontario Regulation 81/12: Municipal Requirements for the Establishment of Rideau Carleton Raceway as a Gaming Site* as approved by City Council on September 13, 2017
- 2) Draft Minutes of the City Council meeting of September 13, 2017.
- 3) Draft Minutes of the Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of September 5, 2017
- 4) Public Service Announcement issued on August 24, 2017 seeking public input with respect to Establishment of Rideau Carleton Raceway as a Gaming Site
- 5) Online Consultation page seeking public input with respect to Establishment of Rideau Carleton Raceway as a Gaming Site
- 6) Public Input received in relation to the report approved by City Council on September 13, 2017 with respect to Establishment of Rideau Carleton Raceway as a Gaming Site
- 7) Public Input received in 2012 and 2013 in relation to previous Committee and Council consideration of the OLG RFP Process and Rideau Carleton Raceway.