



# City of Vancouver *Land Use and Development Policies and Guidelines*

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## BINGO HALL GUIDELINES

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These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the C-3A, FC-1, IC-3, HA-1 or HA-1A District Schedules of the Zoning and Development By-law, the Downtown Official Development Plan, or CD-1 By-laws 21\*, 349 and 358 for development applications for a Bingo Hall.

**Location Restrictions** –Within the FC-1 Districts, Grandview Highway and Marine Drive

In the FC-1 District, development applications should only be considered on Terminal Avenue between Quebec Street and Glen Drive (excluding Thornton Park). Rezoning applications should only be considered on the north side of Grandview Highway between Kaslo Street and Boundary Road, and the south side of Marine Drive between Yukon and Main Streets in accordance with applicable Council-approved policies and guidelines for the Grandview Boundary and Marine Drive Industrial Areas.

**Spacing Restrictions**

A Bingo Hall should not be located within a 1 000 m radius of an existing Bingo Hall or an existing Casino - Class 1. Greater spacing may be required depending on the size of the proposed facility and hours of operation; and its proximity to residential areas, and liquor establishments.

\*CD-1 (21) is an old CD-1 By-law which does not contain any regulations or permitted uses. At the time of enactment of the Casino - Class 1 regulations and adoption of these guidelines, a casino existed on the site. It is intended that these guidelines apply if a bingo hall is proposed to replace the casino.

## BINGO HALL PRE-SITE CLEARANCE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Applicants are required to provide a letter from the Provincial Gaming Commission which indicates that the Commission has carried out a preliminary review and that the Commission is prepared to consider a bingo hall at that site. The letter must be provided at the time the pre-site clearance application is filed.
2. The pre-site clearance application form is available from the Permits & Licenses Department. The fee for the application is \$1,550. (This fee includes payment for a Business License but does not include payment for a Development Application).
3. The City Clerk's Department arranges notification of the application to surrounding residents and businesses:
  - (a) if the site is in the downtown area west of Main Street and north of False Creek, notification is within a 305 m (1,000 ft.) radius of the site
  - (b) if it is outside of the downtown area, notification is within a 610 m (2,000 ft.) radius of the site

The notification invites written comments and attendance at a meeting of Council's Planning and Environment Committee held to consider the application. Notification will be carried out utilizing Canada Post Ad Mail Services or door-to-door delivery by temporary City staff. Costs of notification are included in the application fee.

4. Permits and Licenses and Planning staff will prepare a report to Council's Planning and Environment Committee following a review of the proposed location including the following information:
  - map of the area
  - size of the proposed bingo hall and hours of operation
  - proximity of the proposed location to residential areas, schools, parks, churches, liquor establishments, casinos, and other bingo halls
  - recent liquor license, casino, and bingo hall applications in the area, and/or previous referenda
  - comments from other City departments including Police, Housing and Properties, Environmental Health, Social Planning, and Engineering
5. Council will consider the staff report, written submissions and delegations and advise the Director of Planning that Council:
  1. Does not endorse the application, or
  2. Endorses the application, or
  3. Endorses the application subject to the results of a neighbourhood referendum.
6. If required, the referendum will be conducted by the City Clerk's office in accordance with the existing City Guidelines for the Conduct of Referenda used for the consideration of liquor license applications. The results are forwarded to Council. (The Director of Planning will take the results of the referendum and any advice that Council may provide into account when considering a Development Application for the site.)

All costs of the referendum are the responsibility of the applicant. The time frame for the conduct of a referendum is on average five or six months.