

Public Opinion Summary

1. Public Opinion Polls

“Attitudes Towards Gaming in the City of Vancouver”, Ipsos-Reid, Jan. 15, 2004

Sample Size:

700 residents City-wide (margin for error +/-3.7%)

125 Hastings Sunrise (margin of error is +/-8.8%)

Level of Support for Hastings Park Racetrack proposal:

City-wide	46% total support	49% total opposed
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Hastings Sunrise	40% total support	59% total opposed
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“Hastings Park/PNE Public Opinion Survey”, Synovate research, May 11, 2004

Sample Size:

478 residents City-wide (margin for error +/-4.5%)

167 in Hastings Sunrise (margin of error +/-7.6%)

Attitudes towards slot machine compatibility:

The public was asked if they agreed with (strongly or somewhat) or disagreed with (strongly or somewhat) three statements which had been made in the course of the Hastings Park public consultation process.

“Slot machines are not compatible with parks”

City-wide	66% agree	22% disagree
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Hastings Sunrise	65% agree	24% disagree
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“Slot machines are not compatible with residential neighbourhoods”

City-wide	65% agree	26% disagree
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Hastings Sunrise	67% agree	22% disagree
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“Slot machines are compatible with a racetrack”

City-wide	65% agree	24% disagree
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Hastings Sunrise	52% agree	30% disagree
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Finally, more than 50% of all respondents indicated that the most important issue to consider with the addition of slot machines was the potential for increased crime in the neighbourhood. The next most consideration was the potential for increased traffic and parking required in the area.

2. Public Information Meeting

On July 7th, staff held an open house on the rezoning at the Hastings Community Centre. The area notified for the open house and the Public Hearing included approximately 5,000 property owners within the area from Nanaimo Street to Boundary Road, the waterfront to Charles Street.

The purpose of the open house was for staff and the proponents to explain the proposal through a series of display panels, to be available to answer questions, and to provide forms to those wishing to make comments.

About 160 people attended over a three hour period. A total of 84 people filled out comments forms, with 36 generally in support of the proposal, and 48 generally opposed to the proposal. A summary of comments is contained in the yellow memo from Dave Thomsett dated July 15, 2004.

3. Correspondence

Staff and members of Council have received 244 pieces of correspondence with 86 letters in support of the proposal, 89 postcards in support, 65 in opposition, and 4 others.