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Ms. Rose Caterini
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City of Hamilton
71 Main St. W., 1st Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Caterini,

Woodbine Entertainment Group wishes to open a Champions Teletheatre at the location indicated below.

Boomer's Sports Bar 919 Upper Paradise Road Hamilton, Ontario L9B 2M9

As part of the Ontario Racing Commission's Teletheatre Approval Process – Process and Documentation Requirements, I am sending this letter to advise the City of Hamilton of our application to the Commission.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-675-3993 ext. 12424.

Sincerely,

Tom Papakonstantinou

General Manager, Ontario Operations Champions Off-Track Betting

Woodbine Entertainment Group

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## Memorandum

Dept. Name

Date:

February 18, 2015

To:

Mayor Eisenberger and Members of City Council

From:

Janet Pilon, Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk

Office of the City Clerk

Subject:

**Ontario Racing Commission's Teletheatres** 

Upon receipt of the letter from Woodbine Entertainment Group, which notifies the City of Hamilton of their application to the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) for the licensing of a Teletheatre in the establishment known as Boomer's Sports Bar located at 919 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton, staff contacted the Ontario Racing Commission to determine what the ORC required from the City of Hamilton now that the City has been advised of their application.

The Ontario Racing Commission advised us that "As part of the application and licensing process for new teletheatres the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) requires the applicant to advise the local municipality of the proposed new teletheatre. This is to merely advise the municipality of the proposal and give a municipality the opportunity to respond to or raise any concerns to the ORC if they choose to do so. Otherwise no formal response is required to the ORC."

Please find attached as Appendix A, the Approval Process for New Teletheatres.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pilon

Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk

Attach. Appendix A - Approval Process for New Teletheatres

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# **Approval Process for New Teletheatres** 2015 Process and Required Documents

To operate a teletheatre in the Province of Ontario, a license must be obtained from the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC). The Criminal Code, which stipulates the regulatory framework for teletheatres, provides that only a licensed Racetrack Operator can be licensed to operate a Teletheatre.

In accordance with the adoption of policies based on the recommendations of the Horse Racing Industry Panel "Building a Sustainable Future Together: Ontario's Five-Year Horse Racing Partnership" (October 2013), the ORC has consolidated the operation of the Off-Track Wagering Network for the province.

The Racetrack Operator will make application to the ORC and must submit certain information to the Director. A due diligence investigation of the applicant(s) and all various involved parties will be completed by the ORC Investigations Unit. A teletheatre license will be issued by the Director once he is satisfied of the suitability of the site operator to receive a license. Upon receipt of a license and letter covering any terms and conditions of the license, the application is considered approved and the license valid according to the license period indicated. Licenses must be posted in the Teletheatre location.

### **List of Required Documents**

A letter of application (Item 1) must be received to initiate the new teletheatre approval process. It is recommended that Items 2 through 4 be submitted as soon as possible so that the due diligence investigation of the site can be initiated. The remaining items will be required prior to issuance of the Teletheatre license.

#### 1. Proposal and Application to Open Teletheatre Operations

The application should take the form of a proposal letter addressed to the Director, requesting approval for the teletheatre, detailing:

- Operating Name of the premises to be used
- Street and mailing address of the premises (including postal codes)
- Contact information for the site: phone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses
- Names and contact information of site Manager and main contact at the site
- Anticipated opening date for Teletheatre Operations

#### 2. Teletheatre Disclosure Form

All individuals involved in the liquor license or teletheatre operation (e.g. site manager) must sign the Disclosure Form.

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In case of a company, all partners, officers, directors and shareholders with an interest of 5% or more must sign the Disclosure Form.

3. Liquor License

A copy of the current, valid liquor license for the proposed site must be submitted. The liquor license must be in the name of the current owners only.

In case of a site without a liquor license, other documentation will be required. (Please contact the ORC for further details.)

4. Articles of Incorporation

A copy of the Articles of Incorporation, or other proof of existence of the business entity holding the liquor license, must be submitted.

5. Evidence of Correspondence to the Local Municipality

A letter advising the municipality of the application submitted to the ORC and the proposed teletheatre site.

**6.** Evidence of Correspondence to Local Ontario Horsepeople's Associations A letter advising the associations of the application submitted to the ORC and the proposed teletheatre site.

7. Photographs

Submission of current (within 6 months) photos, if not on file with ORC, of the following:

- View from street
- Parking facilities
- Inside area being used for teletheatre operations

Filing Format

The preferred submission format for materials is electronic.

All material must be submitted to the attention of Licensing, with a copy to the Executive Director, Steven Lehman.

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Steven Lehman Executive Director