

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 - 4:11 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Planning Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** John VanDuzer

**Name of Organization:** Princess Bingo Sponsors Association  
(representing the charities of Hamilton's Princess Bingo)

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:**

Princess Bingo is very much at risk of closing within the next year or two if it's not able to participate in cGaming, something now being offered in 37 other Bingo halls across the province. What was considered an issue of fairness, is now an issue of survival given that neighbouring municipalities are already offering (or will soon offer) cGaming.

Both Esther Pauls (Princess Bingo is in Ward 7), and the City's Licensing Department very much wants to obtain the City's permission that the Princess Bingo Sponsors Association and the hall be able to participate in the offering of electronic bingo gaming as provided for in Ontario Regulation 81/12 (Go to: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r12081> Please note you may need to copy the address into your browser in order to

access the Regulation. We can also supply a PDF of this 2-page document)

Without City Council's support:

- Princess Bingo will be forced to close its doors permanently
- Because of year-over-year declines in sales, the City of Hamilton will lose up to 80% of the revenue it receives from Princess Bingo while the Hall stays open and, obviously, lose all 100% of this revenue if it's forced into bankruptcy
- The City of Hamilton will forgo upwards of \$876,000 in annual revenues from the increase in sales cGaming is projected to bring
- The 54 charities that depend on revenue they earn from supporting Princess Bingo will be forced to say 'no' to your constituents because each of their revenues will decrease by up to 50%... or even more!!

Respectfully, we request the opportunity to make a 5-minute presentation on behalf of the charities who stand to lose.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? No**

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes**