

MOTION

4. Request Provincial Government to Allow the Rio Theatre to Show Movie Screenings

On January 31, 2012, Vancouver City Council, referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting later that day, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. The Rio Theatre is a multi-use cultural venue hosting a variety of events including movie screenings, variety shows, theatre performances, music concerts, and speaker series.
2. The Rio Theatre is legally allowed to serve alcohol at special events, provided it is through a one-time special occasion license obtained by the event organizer.
3. The Rio Theatre has asked for a liquor license for pre-booked, live ticketed events, a request which Vancouver City Council approved of in October 2011.
4. The current Provincial legislation does not allow for a live performance venue to serve alcohol if it also shows movie screenings at other operating times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council requests the Provincial Government, through the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, provide a condition on the Rio Theatre's existing liquor license which allows them to show movie screenings without alcohol service when no live events are scheduled.
- B. THAT Council requests the Provincial Government undertake a review of liquor policy to streamline existing regulations, particularly those where duplication or contradicting policies are concerned.

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