

MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Restricting Expansion of Gambling and Involvement of Michael Graydon in Edgewater Casino

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. A Government of British Columbia's auditor's report found that former BC Lottery Commission (BCLC) CEO Michael Graydon violated the Crown corporation's *Standards of Ethical Business Conduct for BCLC Employees* by entering into employment negotiations with Paragon Gaming, Inc. to become CEO of its joint venture, PV Hospitality ULC, with responsibility for oversight and operations of Vancouver's relocated Edgewater Casino;
2. The City of Vancouver relies on the highest standards of ethics and integrity by licensed BC Lottery Commission service providers in the determination of net revenues to the City from the operation of gambling venues in Vancouver;
3. Plans for the relocated Edgewater Casino at 39 Smithe Street provide for a casino floor that exceeds industry standards by over 35,000 square feet, with additional provision for substantial empty ballroom space immediately above;
4. These plans have led to widespread public suspicion that PV Hospitality and BCLC will attempt to circumvent City of Vancouver limitations on gambling expansion;
5. Whereas Mayor Robertson issued a statement in December 2013 committing to the prevention of further expansion of gambling in Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver write to the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch requesting that it impose a condition on the gaming license of Paragon Gaming in respect of Edgewater Casino that Michael Graydon be removed as a director, officer, employee or associate of PV Hospitality ULC, and all companies associated with the operations of Edgewater Casino.
- B. THAT the City of Vancouver place the following condition on the issuance of a Development Permit for the Edgewater Casino at 39 Smithe Street:

Registration on title to the property of a restrictive covenant prohibiting any future increase in any form of gambling entertainment including the number of slot machines and gaming tables.