

Policy: Establishing, Relocating or Substantially Changing a Teletheatre

- These requirements are established under the authority of the Gaming Control Act and Gaming Control Regulation, and are effective January 13, 2006.
- Under section 46 of the Act, the General Manager, Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, issues horse racing licences for the operation of both race tracks and horse racing teletheatres.
- Approval for the establishment, relocation or substantial change of a horse racing facility (racetrack or horse racing teletheatre) is granted by the General Manager, as part of the licensing process.
- It is a condition of the licence that the licensee fully complies with all other enactments and bylaws, and has and maintains all other permits and/or licenses that may be required.

Process and Requirements

An applicant wishing to establish, relocate or substantially change a teletheatre must:

1. Apply in writing and include such information and documentation that the General Manager considers relevant to the request, including but not limited to:
 - a) The address of the proposed teletheatre;
 - b) The proposed commencement date; and
 - c) The nature and scope of horse racing wagering proposed to take place at the facility.
2. Satisfy the Branch's registration requirements, if any, including the requirements for proposed gaming services providers or gaming workers.
3. Provide written confirmation of the approval of the host local government (municipality, regional district or First Nation), or its representative, that has authority over land use planning at the location.

If a stand-alone facility is being established, relocated or substantially changed, the information in 3 above must include:

- a) A resolution in writing from the host local government approving the location, relocation or substantial change;
- b) Evidence that it has sought and considered adequate community input; and
- c) Evidence that it has consulted with all potentially affected local governments within a five kilometre radius of the facility, including a summary of that consultation and copies of any correspondence from those potentially affected local governments in favour of or opposing the proposal.

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Within 30 days of the completion of all relevant requirements, the General Manager will decide whether to approve the establishment, relocation or substantial change of the teletheatre, and if approved, will issue (or re-issue) a licence upon such terms and conditions as the General Manager deems appropriate. Changes to the scope or nature of the teletheatre beyond what is licensed will require further approval by the General Manager.*

* Licences issued after the effective date of this Policy will confirm maximum thresholds as to the size or scope of the teletheatre, if any. Expansion or modifications beyond those limits must be referred to the Branch for consideration and approval.

Contact Information

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