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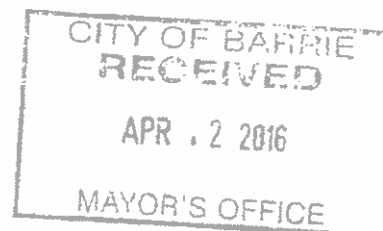
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April 7, 2016

Jeff Lehman  
Mayor, City of Barrie  
70 Collier Street, Box 400  
Barrie, ON  
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**Re: Casino Rama - Follow-up to Mayor's Meeting of January 21, 2016**

Dear Mr. Lehman,

Further to our recent discussions relating to Casino Rama and the rising competition being brought about by Ontario Lottery and Gaming in its support of an approximate 5000 to 7000-seat entertainment complex at both Casino Niagara and Woodbine, I attach a motion for your consideration. Please feel free to make any changes as may be required.

We recently met with Patrick Brown, MPP (Simcoe-North), and advised him of our concerns. It would be helpful for him to hear from you directly, with a signed copy of a motion. Together we hope to keep working for the continued success of Casino Rama in spite of the increased competition.

Yours truly,

Chief Rodney Noganosh

c: Council, Rama First Nation  
Mr. John Drake, CEO, Casino Rama

Attach. (1)



# Motion Record

**Motion Presented & Carried:** January 27, 2016  
**Requesting Department** Chief and Council  
**Manager/Organization:** Rick Morano  
**Subject:** Niagara Falls Entertainment  
**Amending Motion No.:**  
**Rescinding Motion No.:**  
**Motion to be copied to:** Jeffery Hewitt  
**MOTION #2015-2016-649**

## MOTION:

**WHEREAS** Casino Rama is one of the largest employers in Simcoe County;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last few years Casino Rama's Gross Revenues have declined due to additional competition allowed by Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. (OLG) in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** this increased competition has meant that employment at Casino Rama has been reduced, which has affected the local economy in the region;

**AND WHEREAS** OLG continues to invest in and strengthen competition in gaming that impacts Casino Rama, such as the proposed building of a new entertainment complex in one of the commercial casinos in Niagara Falls;

**AND WHEREAS** the new entertainment complex is expected to negatively impact Casino Rama and the local economy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Request for Prequalification (RFPQ) for Casino Niagara's proposed new entertainment complex has been released and the potential cost to build the new entertainment complex in the range of \$200 Million Dollars;

**AND WHEREAS** the OLG together with Rama First Nation completed a Development Plan in 2010, which included options to assist Casino Rama in growing its Gross Revenues, was an additional 300 room expansion along with expanded conference space that would allow for Casino Rama to remain competitive against the proposed new entertainment complex in Casino Niagara;



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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by a quorum of Chief and Council to request the OLG to stop the RFPQ at Niagara Falls; or in the alternative, suspend the new entertainment complex at Casino Niagara while the OLG revisits the Development Plan of 2010 - with a particular focus on the development of a Casino Rama conference centre - to assist Casino Rama to offset their potential loss in revenues, the potential reduction in employment and the potential negative effects on the local economy.

"Carried"

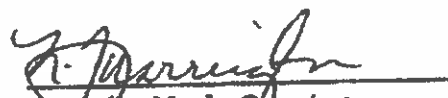
## Chief and Council Signatures of Approval

  
Chief Rodney Noganosh

  
Councillor Ron Douglas

  
Councillor Gina Genno

  
Councillor Tracey Snache

  
Councillor Nemke Quarrington

  
Councillor Ted Williams

  
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