Report



Date May 17, 2023

File: ZB000179 & ZB000181

Subject Request for Special Public Hearing on June 7, 2023

PURPOSE

To consider scheduling a public hearing for June 7, 2023.

BACKGROUND

At the May 3, 2023, Regular Council meeting, first and second readings were given to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3908 (3543 Auchinachie Road) and Zoning Amendment (Section 53 exemption) Bylaw No. 3909 (7245 Bell McKinnon Road). Council also authorized public hearings for both bylaws.

Section 54 of Council Procedure Bylaw No. 3602 states, "Public Hearings shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise resolved by Council". The first regularly scheduled public hearing following the May 3 Council meeting is May 17. It was not possible to hold the public hearing for the two amendment bylaws that day because there was insufficient time to complete the statutory public notification process. As the next regularly scheduled public hearing is not until June 21, staff wishes to propose a public hearing on June 7, 2023.

The applicant for Bylaw No. 3909 asked if the public hearing could be held sooner than June 21.

DISCUSSION

Scheduling a special public hearing on June 7 would allow consideration of the two amendment bylaws to be advanced by two weeks. If a public hearing is held on June 7, it is likely that the public hearing will not be required for June 21.

As staff recommends that Council support the applicant's request for an earlier public hearing, staff would suggest that the public hearing for Bylaw No. 3908 be held at that same public hearing.

OPTIONS

- 1. **(Recommended Option)** THAT Council schedule a public hearing on June 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3908, 2023 and Zoning Amendment (Section 53 exemption) Bylaw No. 3909, 2023.
- 2. (Do nothing, no motion is required as bylaws would go to the next scheduled public hearing date)

IMPLICATIONS

Should Council not support scheduling a public hearing on June 7, then a public hearing for Bylaw No. 3908 and Bylaw No. 3909 would automatically occur on June 21 per the Council Procedure Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council schedule a public hearing on June 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3908, 2023, and Zoning Amendment (Section 53 exemption) Bylaw No. 3909, 2023.

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