

Municipality of North Cowichan

Public Hearings

MINUTES

November 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Hall - Council Chambers & Electronically

Members Present Mayor Rob Douglas
 Councillor Mike Caljouw
 Councillor Bruce Findlay
 Councillor Chris Istace
 Councillor Christopher Justice
 Councillor Tek Manhas
 Councillor Debra Toporowski

Staff Present Barb Floden, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
 Caroline von Schilling, Development Planner
 Clay Reitsma, Director Engineering
 Heather Power, Legislative Coordinator
 Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer
 Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Douglas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3920, 2023

3.1.1 Call public hearing to order

Mayor Douglas called the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3920, 2023 for 3351 Auchinachie Road to order at 7:00 p.m.

3.1.2 Explanation of the public hearing process

Mayor Douglas outlined the public hearing process.

3.1.3 Acceptance of petitions and late correspondence

The Corporate Officer, Michelle Martineau, noted that there were no petitions submitted, however, there was a submission received from the applicant in response to public comments included in the agenda regarding parking and traffic on Hawkes Blvd. The applicant indicated that it was a very quiet street with

minimal traffic and sufficient parking due to the length of residential driveways on the street. They also noted that ICBC stats showed zero crashes in the area.

In addition to the late submission, an email was received for Tom Moore on November 12th to withdraw his opposition that he submitted on November 1st.

Copies of the submissions were made available to the public by including it in the information package in Council Chambers and publishing it to the public hearings' webpage so that members of the public could view and comment on these submissions.

3.1.4 Introduction of the proposal

The Development Planner, Caroline von Schilling, presented the proposed bylaw amendment and answered questions from Council.

3.1.5 Summary of correspondence

The Corporate Officer, Michelle Martineau, noted that there were three submissions received (Chris and Wendy Mann, Robyn Douglas, and Surinder and Amarjit Pagely), excluding the submission withdrawn from Tom Moore in response to the notice published on the website, social media, the local newspapers and distributed to properties within 60 metres of 3351 Auchinachie Road. Robyn Douglas and the Manns were opposed due to their concerns regarding traffic safety and the lack of parking requirements. The Pagelys, after receiving additional information, indicated that they were now in favour of the plan proceeding.

Copies of these submission were made available to the public in the information package that is available in print format at the door to Council Chambers and has been published to the public hearings' webpage so that members of the public may view and comment on this submission

3.1.6 Presentation by proponent

The applicant, R Gill, experienced technical difficulties, was not in attendance.

3.1.7 Comments from the public

The Mayor called for submissions from members of the public who were participating electronically through the Cisco Webex platform or in Council Chambers.

The Mayor called a second and third time, for which there were no comments.

3.1.8 Close of first public hearing

The Mayor declared the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3020, 2023 for 3351 Auchinachie Road closed at 7:12 p.m.

3.2 Public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927, 2023

3.2.1 Call public hearing to order

Mayor Douglas called the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927, 2023 for 7550 Bell McKinnon Road to order at 7:12 p.m.

3.2.2 Explanation of the public hearing process

Mayor Douglas outlined the public hearing process.

3.2.3 Acceptance of petitions and late correspondence

The Corporate Officer, Michelle Martineau, noted were no petitions submitted, however, there were 2 late submissions received from Arnie Pollmer and Christine Heal who indicated that they were not opposed to the bylaw but that they looked forward to improved soundproofing at the shelter and that the barking be addressed in the noise bylaw.

Angela Dalton submitted a second email regarding her concerns regarding noise coming from the shelter.

Copies of these submissions were made available to the public in the information package that is available in print format at the door to Council Chambers and has been published to the public hearings' webpage so that members of the public may view and comment on this submission.

3.2.4 Introduction of the proposal

The Development Planner, Caroline von Schilling, presented the proposed bylaw amendment. There were no questions for staff.

3.2.5 Summary of correspondence

The Corporate Officer, Michelle Martineau, noted was one email received from Angela Dalton requesting information on how the bylaw would impact their property before the agenda was public in response to the notice that was published in the local newspapers, social media, on the website and distributed to properties within 60 metres of 7550 Bell McKinnon Road.

A copy of the submission, including staff's response was made available to the public in the information package that is available in print format at the door to Council Chambers and has been published to the public hearings' webpage so that members of the public may view and comment on this submission.

3.2.6 Presentation by proponent

Sarah Herring, the Government Relations Officer, Leon Davis the Senior Manager for the Island and Coastal Region and Christina Adams the Director of Facilities from the BC SPCA; and the architectural design consultants Annerieke Van Hoek and Joanna Sotomski from Studio Hub, provided a brief presentation that outlined their application and responded to questions from Council.

3.2.7 Comments from the public

The Mayor called for submissions from members of the public who were participating electronically through the Cisco Webex platform or in Council Chambers.

Kristine Heal, 7570 Bell McKinnon, was concerned with dogs being left outside all night and barking.

Angela Dalton, 7540 Bell McKinnon Road, was opposed to possible changes in the noise Bylaw and dogs being left outside all night and barking.

Arnie Palmer, 7570 Bell McKinnon, spoke against the Bylaw due to dogs being left outside overnight barking.

The Mayor called a second and third time, for which there were no comments.

3.2.8 Close of second public hearing

The Mayor declared the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927, 2023 for 7550 Bell McKinnon Road closed at 7:33 p.m.

3.3 Public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3933, 2023

3.3.1 Call public hearing to order

Mayor Douglas called the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3933, 2023 for 7495 Relke Road to order at 7:33 p.m.

3.3.2 Explanation of the public hearing process

Mayor Douglas outlined the public hearing process.

3.3.3 Acceptance of petitions and late correspondence

The Corporate Officer, Michelle Martineau, noted that there were no petitions submitted or any late submissions received

3.3.4 Introduction of the proposal

The Director, Planning and Building, Rob Conway, presented the proposed bylaw amendment and answered questions from Council.

3.3.5 Summary of correspondence

The Corporate Officer, Michelle Martineau, noted that there had not been any correspondence received that was published in the agenda, therefore, did not provide a summary.

3.3.6 Presentation by proponent

The applicant, Cara Light, provided a brief presentation that outlined their application. There were no questions from Council.

3.3.7 Comments from the public

The Mayor called for submissions from members of the public who were participating electronically through the Cisco Webex platform or in Council Chambers.

The Mayor called a second and third time, for which there were no comments.

3.3.8 Close of third public hearing

The Mayor declared the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw (7495 Relke Road) No. 3933, 2023 closed at 7:46 p.m.

4. BYLAWS CONSIDERED AFTER PUBLIC HEARING

4.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3920 for third reading

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council give third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3920, 2023. CARRIED

4.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927 for third reading and adoption

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council give third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927, 2023. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927, 2023. CARRIED

4.3 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3933, 2023 for third reading

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council give third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3933, 2023. CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor