

REPORT of a PUBLIC HEARING of the MUNICIPAL COUNCIL of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, held in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, B.C, on Monday November 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Coast and Straits Salish Peoples. Specifically we recognize the Lekwungen speaking people, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and that their historic connections to these lands continue to this day.

PRESENT: Mayor K. Murdoch, Chair
Councillor A. Appleton
Councillor H. Braithwaite
Councillor C. Green
Councillor T. Ney
Councillor E. Paterson
Councillor E.W. Zhelka

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, L. Varela
Director of Corporate Services, D. Hopkins
Director of Building and Planning, B. Anderson
Manager of Planning. D. Jensen
Recorder, A. Nurvo

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and provided opening remarks with respect to the conduct of a Public Hearing.

Councillor Zhelka entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

BYLAW TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 4620.002, 2019

The Manager of Planning reviewed the proposed Bylaw and the timelines. The new Regional Growth Strategy was adopted by the Capital Regional District (CRD) in 2018. The *Local Government Act* requires that all member municipalities in the CRD amend their Official Community Plan (OCP) to update its Regional Context Statement to reflect the new Regional Growth Strategy. The purpose of Bylaw No. 4620.002 is specifically for the to update the Regional Context Statement only.

2. Written Submissions Received and Distributed Prior to Public Hearing

- Report from the Manager of Planning dated November 1, 2019
- Oak Bay Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 4620.002, 2019
- CRD Board Acceptance
- Report from the Manager of Planning dated July 9, 2018
- Amendments to Regional Context Statement (Comparison)
- CRD Regional Growth Strategy (January 2018)
- CRD Regional Context Statement Framework (March 2018)
- Correspondence

MOVED and seconded: That the written submissions received and distributed prior to the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4620.002, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

3. Reading of Additional Written Correspondence Not Included on the Agenda

The Director of Corporate Services advised that no additional written correspondence had been received.

4 Public Participation

G.R. Telfer, Oak Bay resident, stated that he had no objection to the passing of the Bylaw; however, with climate change and the District's plan to reduce GHG emissions, he stated it was not appropriate to permit the upcoming parade of trucks which will add noise and air pollution and suggested that this parade be cancelled in future. He stated that the Community Climate Action Working Group is better positioned to address his concerns.

Steven Bowker, Oak Bay resident, stated that he had submitted his comments previously. He reviewed his recommendation that the amendment to the OCP be postponed until the information being collected to support the provincial Housing Needs Report is available to the public in order to be able to evaluate the proposed changes to the OCP.

Anthony Meares, Oak Bay resident, stated that the Province requires that a local government consider its housing needs report when amending an OCP and we should wait until that report is available before passing this Bylaw. He also stated that a recent Court ruling makes it clear that the Regional Context Statement must be specific and contain sufficient detail rather than just referencing OCP section numbers.

The Mayor called for public input a second, third and final time, however no additional comments were provided.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED and seconded: That the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4620.002 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Certified Fair and Accurate

Chair

Director of Corporate Services

Recorder