

**Public Hearing
Minutes**

July 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

**Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC**

Council Present: Mayor J. Atkinson, Councillor A. Barnes, Councillor V. Brumovsky, Councillor A. Hipkiss, Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.

Mayor Atkinson acknowledged the land on which we gather is within the traditional territory of the Tse'khene People of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

2. CHAIR'S STATEMENT AND PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS

Mayor Atkinson advised that this Public Hearing is convened pursuant to the *Local Government Act* regarding proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1503. The main function of this Public Hearing is to listen to and receive comments from the public concerning the proposed Bylaw. No decisions pertaining to the proposed Bylaw will be made at this hearing. The merits of, or positions taken on, the proposed Bylaw will not be debated at this hearing. As Council is not permitted to receive further submissions after the close of the hearing, any verbal or written comments were required to be done prior to the close of the hearing. Everyone was given a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the Public Hearing. Mayor Atkinson noted that no one will be or should feel discouraged or prevented from making his or her views heard. As this was an impartial and open forum, Mayor Atkinson asked that the public refrain from applause or other expressions of positive or negative emotion whether in favour or opposing any matter pertaining to the proposed Bylaw prior to the close of the hearing. At the Public Hearing, any person present in person or via electronic means who believes that his or her interest is affected by the Bylaw was given a reasonable opportunity to be heard as follows:

PRIOR TO ADOPTION

- In person at the hearing – a microphone had been set up for use;
- by written submissions already submitted or that had been submitted at this hearing up to the time the hearing was adjourned;
- through electronic means either by telephone or online Zoom platform.

Mayor Atkinson asked those who had written comments if they would like to come forward and provide it to staff. As mentioned, no verbal nor written comment could be accepted once the Public Hearing had been closed. Mayor Atkinson asked that comments be restricted to matters contained in the proposed Bylaw.

Those who did wish to speak concerning the proposed Bylaw, at the appropriate time, were asked to address comments to the Chair and meeting, beginning with clearly stating your name. At the time Mayor Atkinson called for presentations from the public to:

- provide your comment;
- read a written comment;
- read a written comment from another member of the public who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Atkinson established the following additional procedures for the public hearing:

1. Each speaker will be permitted to address the hearing for not more than 5 minutes at a time.
2. Once everyone who wishes to speak has done so, speakers who require additional time will be given the opportunity to address the hearing further.
3. Comments must be limited to the matters of the Bylaw and you must not obstruct the hearing.

Following all comments from those in attendance in person Mayor Atkinson asked staff for the list of those attending electronically who had asked to speak and went through the list starting at the top of the list ensuring each person had been given the opportunity to speak.

3. PRESENTATION FROM CORPORATE SERVICES

Luke Thorne, Land & Environmental Programs Coordinator, provided a presentation on the proposed zoning amendment.

4. SUMMARY OF LETTERS SUBMITTED

The following submissions were received in response to the proposed zoning amendment:

- Guylaine Dahl
- Madeline Byrne
- Letitia Woytkiw
- Amy Coates
- Dominique Symbalisy
- Alice Doucette

The submissions received have been included in the minutes.

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Atkinson asked if there were any members of the public attending in person that wished to comment on the proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw?

Alice Pritchett, resident, appeared before Council to express her support to allow for backyard ducks noting the growing trend promoting sustainable living.

Mayor Atkinson asked Ms. Kaehn if there were members of the public attending through Zoom or Phone that wished to comment on the proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw?

There were no additional members of the public to comment on the proposed amendment.

6. CHAIR CLOSING STATEMENT

Mayor Atkinson asked if there were any final comments from phone/electronic attendees before we move to adjourn the hearing?

There was no response and no further representations to this item.

Mayor Atkinson asked those who had read written comments at this meeting to come forward and provide copies to staff if they had not already done so.

Mayor Atkinson thanked everyone who attended. The Public Hearing into Bylaw No. 1503 was officially closed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33004

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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