

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (PUBLIC HEARING)
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
THURSDAY, 2019-APR-04, AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor J. Turley

Absent: Councillor T. Brown
Councillor Z. Maartman
Councillor I. W. Thorpe

Staff: L. Rowett, Manager, Current Planning
D. Stewart, Planner, Current Planning Section
S. Gurrie, City Clerk
K. Gerard, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. CALL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER:

The Public Hearing Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Krog spoke regarding the purpose of a Public Hearing, advised that Council was meeting on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation and advised of the standard protocols for a Public Hearing.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:

Lainya Rowett, Manager, Current Planning, explained the required procedures in conducting a Public Hearing and the regulations contained within Part 14 of the *Local Government Act*.

(a) Rezoning Application No. RA410 – 1599 Dufferin Crescent

Introduced by David Stewart, Planner, Current Planning.

Presentations:

1. Brad Laczkowski, spoke on behalf of, Mid Island Health and Wellness, the applicant and stated that the applicant is not currently operating a cannabis dispensary.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public:

1. Amanda Orum spoke in favour and cautioned Council regarding the pesticides that are being used to grow legal cannabis.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public for a second time.

No one in attendance wished to speak regarding Rezoning Application No. RA410 – 1599 Dufferin Crescent.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public for a third time.

No one in attendance wished to speak regarding Rezoning Application No. RA410 – 1599 Dufferin Crescent.

One written submission was received with respect to Rezoning Application No. RA410 – 1599 Dufferin Crescent from Madrona Services Ltd., stating that they are opposed.

(b) Rezoning Application No. RA415 – 2220 Bowen Road

Introduced by David Stewart, Planner, Current Planning.

Presentations:

1. Andrew Pederson, Island Cannabis Company Ltd., applicant, spoke in favour of Rezoning Application No. RA415 – 2220 Bowen Road and stated:
 - The location at Beban Plaza is within the allowable distance from daycares and schools and they have received approval from School District #68
 - The dispensary meets all government regulations and a \$12,000 HVAC system has been installed to ensure odour abatement
 - Branding and look of the store follows all guidelines set by the Provincial and Federal governments

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public:

1. Dr. Mervyn Jeffries, 201 Harvey Street, spoke in favour and stated that he has known Mr. Pederson for a numbers of years and that Mr. Pederson has excellent management and customer service skills. Mr. Jeffries is confident that Mr. Pederson will follow the laws regarding cannabis consistently.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public for a second time.

2. Mike Billingham spoke in favour of the application and stated that Andrew Pederson has followed all laws and regulations regarding cannabis.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public for a third time.

No one in attendance wished to speak regarding Rezoning Application No. 415 – 2220 Bowen Road.

No written submissions were received at the meeting, with respect to Rezoning Application No. RA415 – 2220 Bowen Road.

5. FINAL CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Mayor Krog announced that following the close of a Public Hearing, no further submissions or comments from the public or interested persons can be accepted by members of City Council, as established by provincial case law. This is to ensure a fair Public Hearing process and provide a reasonable opportunity for people to respond.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

It was moved and seconded that the Public Hearing adjourn at 7:24 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

7. BYLAWS:

- (a) “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.133”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.133” (To rezone Unit 9, 1599 Dufferin Crescent to allow “Cannabis Retail Store” as a site-specific use in the Hospital Urban Centre [CC5] Zone) pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.135”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.135” (To rezone 2220 Bowen Road to allow “Cannabis Retail Store” as a site-specific use in the Community Corridor [COR3] Zone) pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:27 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER