

**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (PUBLIC HEARING)  
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE  
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
THURSDAY, 2023-FEB-16, AT 7:00 P.M.

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Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair  
Councillor T. Brown  
Councillor H. Eastmure  
Councillor B. Geselbracht (joined electronically)  
Councillor P. Manly  
Councillor J. Perrino  
Councillor I. Thorpe

Absent: Councillor E. Hemmens  
Councillor S. Armstrong

Staff: L. Rowett, Manager, Current Planning  
K. Mayes, Planner  
P. Carter, Planning Assistant  
K. Robertson, Deputy City Clerk  
A. Chanakos, Steno, Legislative Services  
E. Bassett, Steno, Legislative Services  
K. Lundgren, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Council 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. PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:

Mayor Krog advised that Council was meeting on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation and outlined the purpose and protocols for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Krog then outlined the process to accommodate members of the public who were attending in person and for those who wanted to participate by phone.

Mayor Krog explained the requirements for conducting a Public Hearing.

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING APPLICATION NO. RA482 – 488 AND 492 FIFTH STREET

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(a) Rezoning Application No. RA482 – 488 and 492 Fifth Street

Mayor Krog called the Public Hearing to order at 7:04 p.m.

Kristine Mayes, Planner, introduced the application. She noted that two (2) written submissions were received prior to the start of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing), 2023-FEB-16 with respect to Rezoning Application RA482 – 488 and 492 Fifth Street.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Applicant:

1. Jerry Ellins, Ellins Architect Inc., applicant, informed Council that he was available to answer any questions.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public:

1. David Lemire, spoke in opposition stating concerns with the congestion at the Fifth Street and Bruce Avenue intersection, limited crosswalks and sidewalks in the area for pedestrians, and the number of proposed parking spaces for the development. He acknowledged the need for housing that is affordable; however, expressed that the number of units in the proposed development is excessive.

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

No one wished to speak regarding Rezoning Application No. RA482 – 488 and 492 Fifth Street.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public for a third and final time:

No one wished to speak regarding Rezoning Application No. RA482 – 488 and 492 Fifth Street.

Council asked for clarification regarding the process for the allowing further variances to a development.

Mayor Krog announced that following the close of a Public Hearing, no further submissions or comments from the public or interested persons could be accepted by members of City Council.

Hearing no further comments from the public the Mayor declared the Public Hearing for RA482 – 488 and 492 Fifth Street be closed at 7:13 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.207" (To rezone 488 and 492 Fifth Street from Single Dwelling Residential [R1] to Residential Corridor [COR1]) pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:14 p.m. that the Special Council meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK