



MINUTES
CITY OF MERRITT
PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C

PRESENT:

- Mayor L. Brown**
- Councillor M. Bhangu**
- Councillor K. Christopherson**
- Councillor A. Etchart**
- Councillor T. Fehr**
- Councillor T. Luck**
- Councillor M. White**

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer**
- Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services**
- Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called this Public Hearing to order at 7:06PM

2. Staff Report

2.1 1330 Pine Street - Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2275

Mr. Sean Smith provided an overview of the rezoning bylaw and the process involved.

THAT Council receive this report for information.

As this report is part of the public hearing package, Council does not need to vote on this motion.

3. Report from Developer

Chuck Stamm, agent for the developer, discussed offsite improvements, noting that the cost of offsite improvements would be borne partly by the developer. Flood construction mitigation report would be prepared, by hiring an engineer and a hydrologist, to ensure "no negative impact" on neighbouring property owners.

He added that the developer is keenly aware of the issues and is willing to work with the City to address them.

4. Public Input

Ginny Prowal, of 2070 Aspen Street, expressed opposition to the proposed rezoning at 1330 Pine Street, noting that developing in the floodplain is not in the public interest given the flood risk. She noted the dyke bounding the property as a concern.

Marise Sasges, of 1418 Pine Street, expressed opposition to the proposed rezoning, asserting the property cannot be insured for overland flooding. She commented that citizens would be better served if the property were used as agricultural land.

Russ Wardell, of 1575 Main Street, spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He provided Council with information from Sarah Simon, our local flood safety engineer, who indicated that she could not find any information about when the Colletville dyke was built. He correctly noted that the City of Merritt is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the dyke. He also added a note that there is no real way to create an adequate drainage plan for this property.

Mr. Chuck Stamm indicated that the property does not have water rights, which is essential for farming operations.

5. Letters from the Public

Three letters were provided by members of the public in relation to this application.

6. Termination of Meeting

Mayor Brown closed the meeting at 8:02pm

Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

Certified correct in accordance with Section 124(2) (c) of the Community Charter

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor

Linda Brown