

# Report

**City of Merritt**  
**REGULAR Council Meeting**  
**July 21, 2020**

**File Number: 0640**

**To:** Scott Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Don McArthur, Planning Manager  
**Date:** July 15, 2020  
**Subject:** Zoning Bylaw Engagement Update

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Council receive this report as information.**

**Background:**

Staff presented the proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020 at the Regular Council Meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting, Council directed staff to organize additional public engagement sessions, prior to scheduling a Public Hearing.

**Webinar**

Staff have scheduled an online Q&A session on Thursday, July 23 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Participants are asked to submit their questions ahead of time to [planning@merritt.ca](mailto:planning@merritt.ca) or through the web form at <http://merritt.ca/zoningbylaw>.

**Open House**

An in-person event at the Civic Centre has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 28 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. This event is subject to Provincial direction regarding COVID-19 protocols.

To manage the number of attendees, so that proper physical distancing can be observed, residents must RSVP to [planning@merritt.ca](mailto:planning@merritt.ca) by noon on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The attendance limit is set at 20.

Submit A Question

Residents who are unable to attend either engagement session are encouraged to submit a question to Planning staff at [planning@merritt.ca](mailto:planning@merritt.ca).

Advertisement

The aforementioned methods of providing feedback on the proposed bylaw are detailed on the City's new website, on a webpage dedicated to the proposed Zoning Bylaw (<http://merritt.ca/zoningbylaw>).

The webinar and open house events will also be advertised in the July 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> editions of the Merritt Herald.

COVID Preparations

Hand sanitizer and cleaning products will be purchased for the July 28 event. No refreshments will be provided, to reduce the possibility of physical interactions between attendees. Chairs for attendees will be spaced a minimum of 2 metres apart.

Options / discussion

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Financial / Risk Implications:

N/A

Others Consulted:

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Agricultural Land Commission

Attachments:

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Planning and Development Services Manager**