

Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
August 4, 2020

File Number: 3900.2284

To: Scott Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Don McArthur, Planning Manager
Date: July 30, 2020
Subject: Zoning Bylaw No. 2284 Proposed Revisions

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council amend Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020, as outlined on the attached schedule, and resolve to reconvene the Public Hearing on August 18, 2020.

Background:

Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020 received First and Second Readings on June 30, 2020. At that Council Meeting, Council also directed staff to schedule additional public engagement sessions. Subsequently, a webinar was scheduled and held on July 23rd and an open house was held on July 28th. Staff also promoted the proposed Bylaw on the City website and social media channels, where residents were asked to email or call with any Bylaw questions, comments, or suggested revisions.

As a result of the public engagement, several potential amendments were identified. As per the *Local Government Act*, any changes to use or density require public notice. Therefore, any proposed revisions to use or density, including any revisions identified by Council, cannot be considered at the Public Hearing on August 4th. The Public Hearing would need to be adjourned and reconvened at a later date, and the proposed amendments advertised, accordingly.

The proposed revisions are outlined on Attachments D and E to this report.

Options / discussion

1. That Council amend Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020, as outlined on the attached schedule, and resolve to reconvene the Public Hearing on August 18, 2020; or
2. That Council amend Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020 as deemed necessary, and resolve to reconvene the Public Hearing on August 18, 2020; or
3. That Council receive this report as information.

Financial / Risk Implications:

N/A

Others Consulted:

Additional community engagement was conducted in July, including:

- Webinar July 23rd
- Open House July 28th
- Responses to emails and phone calls

Attachments:

Attachment A – Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020.

Attachment B – Schedule A Zoning Map

Attachment C – Schedule B Floodplain Map

Attachment D – Proposed Amendments

Attachment E – Proposed Zoning Map

Respectfully submitted,

Don McArthur

Planning and Development Services Manager