

Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
August 4, 2020

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

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report as information.

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

Background:

At the June 30, 2020 Council Meeting, Council resolved to give First and Second Readings to Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020. At that meeting, Council directed staff to conduct additional public engagement.

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.

Following completion of the additional engagement, staff scheduled this Public Hearing, and provided public notice according to the statutory requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

As a result of additional public engagement, several revisions to the proposed bylaw will be proposed by staff. Those revisions require public notice, and therefore the Public Hearing will need to be adjourned and then reconvened at a future date. Staff propose that the Public Hearing be reconvened on August 18, 2020.

Options / discussion

1. That Council receive this report as information.

Financial / Risk Implications:

N/A

Others Consulted:

The Public Hearing was advertised in two consecutive editions of the Merritt Herald on July 23rd and July 30th, as well as being posted on the City's website.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning and Development Services Manager