

Minutes of the Public Hearing held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in Council Chambers of the Village Office located at 499 Muchalat Drive commencing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the proposed "Village of Gold River Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 705, 2018" and the "Village of Gold River Zoning Bylaw No. 706, 2018."

PRESENT: Mayor B. Unger
Councillor K. Begon
Councillor D. Curr
Councillor R. MacLeod
Councillor G. Waterman

STAFF: L. Plourde, Administrator
J. McDougall, Deputy Corporate Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Unger called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comments with regard to the following proposed Bylaws:

- Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 705, 2018
- Zoning Bylaw No. 706, 2018

The Mayor read a statement regarding procedures to be followed for the Public Hearing. Legal considerations prevent Council from considering any representations made after the close of this Public Hearing.

Council will consider all submissions received and will then consider any changes or amendments prior to the second and third readings and adoption of the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 705, 2018 and Zoning Bylaw No. 706, 2018.

The Administrator explained the substance of the reports pertaining to the proposed Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 705, 2018 and Zoning Bylaw No. 706, 2018.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 705, 2018

Dave Hart – 561 Nimpkish Drive

- Hopes that Council will give priority to rental housing.
- Feels that “not much is happening” in the area of tourism.
- Asked whether Council had discussed Home Occupations for small businesses; the Administrator cited several instances where Council had discussed this issue.
- Asked whether Council had approached the Vancouver Island Health Authority for funding for seniors housing; the Mayor responded that there have been many meetings held with MP Rachel Blaney, advised that this is a long and slow process, and that a meeting is being held with the Strathcona Community Health Network on June 22, 2018.

Garrett Cousins – No address as not a permanent resident

- Asked whether Council intended to setup a work plan to action the various elements of the Official Community Plan; the Mayor responded that strategic planning is developed on an annual basis and in conjunction with a 5 Year Financial Plan and these effectively constitute an action plan;
- Asked whether there is a direct link between funding and strategic plan goals; the Administrator responded that there is a link to some extent, but the purpose of the Official Community Plan outlines the vision for the community, and that significant operational initiatives and Capital spending identified within the Official Community Plan had been reviewed during the 5 Year Financial Planning process and is an ongoing annual exercise. The items in the Official Community Plan would be brought into the Financial Plan as they are prioritized and Council confirms to proceed.

Dave Hart – 561 Nimpkish Drive

- Complained that a Public Hearing was not held; the Administrator explained that this meeting is in fact the Public Hearing, and that Mr. Hart was likely referencing an Open House which is sometimes utilized in an Official Community Plan process.

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Brenda Patrick – 408 Golden Hinde Place

- Asked whether representations pertaining to the Official Community Plan could still be made; the Mayor advised that the public is welcome to attend Council meetings and express their views.

Dave Hart – 561 Nimpkish Drive

- Concerned that rural acreage is not being sufficiently advertised to the public; the Administrator advised that the sale of land is a function of private property owners and the real estate sector.
- Concerned that there is insufficient advertising of Public Meeting Notices. The Mayor said they will review the process of additional advertising, including posting notices elsewhere in the Community and on social media.

Zoning Bylaw No. 706, 2018

The Administrator provided an overview of the report pertaining to the Zoning Bylaw 706, 2018.

Brenda Patrick – 408 Golden Hinde Place

- Asked whether a modular home could be placed in the Mobile Home Subdivision where she has a dwelling; the Administrator responded that this was permitted as a manufactured home.


Dave Hart – 561 Nimpkish Drive

- Requested that Council review bylaws pertaining to keeping chickens so that they can be kept in residential areas. The Administrator advised a report on chickens was provided at the February 19, 2018 Council meeting when the Zoning Bylaw was brought forward for Council consideration.
- Requested that Council review bylaws pertaining to crew housing as parking, noise, etc. are issues. The Mayor advised that Council would be reviewing secondary suites and had received a report on the matter at a Council meeting held June 11, 2018. Council had also discussed including a review of bed and breakfasts, vacation rentals, and the evolution of “crew” housing.



TERMINATION

There were no further comments from the public. The meeting terminated at 8:05 p.m.



B. Unger, Mayor



L. Plourde, Corporate Administrator

Certified correct by the Corporate Administrator



L. Plourde Corporate Administrator

