

Municipality of North Cowichan

Special Council

MINUTES

June 29, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Members Present Mayor Jon Lefebure
 Councillor Joyce Behnsen
 Councillor Rob Douglas
 Councillor Kate Marsh
 Councillor Al Siebring
 Councillor Tom Walker

Members Absent Councillor Maeve Maguire

Staff Present Dave Devana, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Mark Ruttan, Director of Corporate Services / Deputy CAO
 Scott Mack, Director of Development Services
 David Conway, Director of Engineering and Operations

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, Mayor Lefebure called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded:
That Council approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **PUBLIC HEARING**

3.1 **Proposed Hospital Rezoning**

Public Hearing Report - Council commenced a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to allow the public to make representations to Council respecting proposed Bylaw 3618. Mayor Lefebure outlined the public hearing order of business and read aloud Council's policy that it will not receive verbal or written communications from the public regarding the proposed zoning amendment bylaw after the closure of the public hearing. He then invited late correspondence. The Corporate Officer advised that approximately 80 pieces of correspondence regarding the application from the public were received and forwarded by email to Council and included in the public information binder. The public communications were almost all strongly in favour of the proposed rezoning. Council then received a presentation introducing the proposal from the Director of Development

Services. Mayor Lefebure then invited the applicant, Tom Anderson, Special Projects Manager, for the Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District to address Council on the proposed bylaw. Mr. Anderson spoke about the need for a new hospital, efforts to find suitable property, benefits of the selected site, required infrastructure, proposed project costs and timing. Mayor Lefebure then invited the public to address Council on the proposed bylaw. Council heard from the following persons:

1. Dave Slang, Bell McKinnon Road (3 lots);
2. Cindy Lise, Regional Facilitator, Our Cowichan Communities Health Network;
3. Barbara Walter, 2795 Ortona Road;
4. Dean Bell, 6644 Bell McKinnon Road;
5. Alison Taylor, Executive Chair, Cowichan District Hospital Foundation;
6. Matthew Parrott, 2850 Herd Road;
7. Dr. Leonard Roy, 6520 Marine Crescent;
8. Ursula Whittaker, 6740 Bell McKinnon Road;
9. Cathy Robertson, General Manager, Community Futures Cowichan (on behalf of the Duncan-Cowichan Chamber of Commerce);
10. Dr. Tom Rimmer;
11. Teresa Dodd, 2928 Herd Road;
12. Kristina Worrall, 6719 Anzio Road;
13. Dave Jackson, 6770 Bell McKinnon Road;
14. Richard Lewis, Facility Manager, Cowichan District Hospital;
15. Michelle Hayden, 2764 Ortona Road;
16. Dave Darwin, 2821 Ortona Road; and
17. Ed Worthy, 6812 Bell McKinnon Road.

Comments from those in favour of the rezoning included the following:

- There is a great need for a new regional hospital;
- The location is excellent (it is near the geographical and population centre of the hospital district, does not flood, is in an urban area, is easily accessible);
- There is broad public support for a new hospital in this location;
- It will bring needed sanitary sewer, road and transit upgrades to the area;
- It will encourage ancillary businesses in the area;
- There is ample room for the hospital;
- It will be good for the local economy and for job training;
- If not approved the search for another new hospital site will be set back too long;
- No development at the site will take place until Council adopts a local area plan;
- The timing is good;
- The benefits outweigh the negatives.

Comments from those opposed or with concerns regarding the rezoning included the following:

- More thorough consultation with area residents and land owners is required;
- It will lead to an increase in traffic and density;
- It will change the rural character of the area;

- A buffer should be maintained next to adjacent agricultural land.

Receiving no further representations from the public, Mayor Lefebure closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

It was moved and seconded:

That Council read a third time "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (No. 4 - Bell McKinnon), 2016", No. 3618.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.

Signed by
Mayor or Presiding Member

Certified by
Director of Corporate Services
(Minutes certified "correct" and Public Hearing
report certified "fair and accurate")