

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 16, 2016**

Present: Mayor P. Ives
Councillors R. Arnott, K. Grant, M. Grant,
B. Price, H. MacKinnon, M. Swift

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

There were four members of the public in attendance.

1. PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENT

Mayor Ives made the following statement:

This Public Hearing is hereby convened pursuant to Section 890 of the Local Government Act for the purpose of hearing representations from those persons who believe that their interest is affected by the proposed Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1832. The proposed bylaw has received first and second readings, but has not passed third reading or been adopted by Council.

Notices of this Public Hearing have been published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act. Also, a copy of the proposed bylaw, supporting documentation and any submissions to Council received from the public have been available for inspection at Comox Town Hall as required by the Local Government Act.

To maintain order and to ensure everyone a reasonable opportunity to be heard, I ask that each person wishing to speak first sign the Speaker's List, located at the desk of the Clerk. Once called by the Chair, please begin your presentation to Council by clearly stating your name and address. Please make your presentation as brief as possible. After all have had an opportunity to be heard, anyone wishing to have further input may once again sign the Speaker's List.

Council will not debate with each other or members of the public. Council will not answer questions; we are here to hear from you. Technical questions may be directed by the Chair to the staff.

Everyone will be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard at this meeting. No one will be, or should feel, discouraged or prevented from making his or her views heard.

Please refrain from any conduct that would intimidate others or discourage them from speaking.

a. Application Summary –

Mayor Ives read the application summary:

1. Rezoning Application RZ 15-9 (Community Gardens)

Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1832

In general terms, the purpose of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1832 is to:

- amend the Zoning Bylaw's "Assembly Centre" definition to clearly exclude Community Gardens, which will remove the ability to have a community garden in the C3.1 Arterial Commercial, C4.1 Core Commercial, M2.1 Marine Commercial, PA1.2 Public Assembly/Housing, and DND1.1 CFB Comox zones;
- add a new definition of Community Garden use;
- add, as a permitted use, Community Garden to the PA1.1 Public Assembly and P1.1 Park and Open Space zones ;and
- in the PA1.1 Public Assembly zone:
 - not require Community Gardens to be setback from rear and interior side lot lines; and
 - to provide setbacks for community garden accessory buildings.

The Application Summary was received for information.

b. Public Hearing Submissions –

Mayor Ives made the following statement:

1. Written – To ensure that written submissions are included in the minutes of the meeting, please ensure that all are submitted to the desk of the Clerk before the end of the meeting.
2. Verbal – The proposed bylaw is now open for discussion.

Erin Gregory – 2235 Idiens Way, Comox

Ms. Gregory stated that she was speaking in support of the application, that it will help to facilitate urban agriculture and convert unused land to fertile soil, and that it will be a low cost, social and healthy activity in Comox.

c. Close of Agenda Item

There being no further speakers on the speaker's list, Mayor Ives made the following statement:

I would remind those present that legal considerations prevent the members of Council from considering any representations made after the closing of this Public Hearing

Before closing the Public Hearing, I am going to call three times for any further speakers on any of the matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

For the first time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representations?

For the second time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representations?

For the third time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representations?

There being no further speakers, I declare this Public Hearing closed.

Adjournment:

The Special Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Certified correct pursuant to Section 97 of the Community Charter.

"Paul Ives"

MAYOR

"Richard Kanigan"

CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified fair and accurate pursuant to Section 465(6) of the Local Government Act.


DEPUTY CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR