

**Minutes of a Public Hearing,
held in d'Esterre House on Wednesday, August 1, 2018**

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

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were approximately 10 members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENT

Mayor Ives made the following statement:

This Public Hearing is hereby convened pursuant to Section 464 of the *Local Government Act* for the purpose of hearing representations from those persons who believe that their interest is affected by the proposed:

- 1. Rezoning Application RZ 18-4 Recreational Cannabis Regulation Step 2:**
 - a. Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1890

The proposed bylaws have received first and second readings, but have 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*. Copies are also available for review at the desk of the clerk.

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.

1. Rezoning Application RZ 18-2 (Cannabis Regulation)

a) Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1890

Application Summary:

In general terms, the purpose of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1890 is to:

- Define Recreational Cannabis Retail Store:
- Establish specific locations in the Town where recreational cannabis retail stores will be permitted; and
- Prohibit recreational cannabis retail stores within a certain distance of another recreational cannabis retail store.

The Application Summary was received for information.

Public Hearing Submissions

Mayor Ives made the following statement:

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.

Verbal – The proposed bylaw is now open for discussion.

John Paulin, 1825 Comox Avenue

Mr. Paulin inquired how allowing for retail recreational cannabis sales would impact the Legion?

Staff advised that stores authorized to sell recreational cannabis will be restricted to the sale of cannabis only and no other goods will be permitted.

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 representation made after the close of this Agenda Item.

Before closing the Agenda Item, 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 representation?

Mayor Ives then called for the second time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representation?

For the third and last time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representation?

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

2. Close of Public Hearing & Other Items

a) Rezoning Application RZ 18-4 (Recreational Cannabis Regulation Step 2)

1. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1890 be given Third Reading.*

(2018.201 -- CARRIED)

2. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1890 be Adopted.*

(2018.202 -- CARRIED)

b) Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1889, 2018

That Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1889, 2018 be Adopted.

(2018.203 -- CARRIED)

c) Comox Planning Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 1891, 2018

That Comox Planning Procedures Amendment Bylaw 1891 be Adopted.

(2018.204 -- CARRIED)

d) Comox Zoning Bylaw 1850

That staff be directed to prepare for Council consideration an amendment to Comox Zoning Bylaw 1850 to allow a recreational cannabis retail store and liquor store at 215 Port Augusta Street provided that a recreational cannabis retail store is located a minimum of 50 meters from a liquor store as measured by the shortest distance between the outside of the perimeter walls of the recreational cannabis retail store and liquor store.

(2018.205 – CARRIED)

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:10 pm

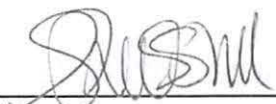
Certified correct pursuant to Section 97(1)(b) of the *Community Charter*.



MAYOR


CORPORATE OFFICER

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



DEPUTY CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR