



## Minutes

### Public Hearing

January 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers/Video Conference  
10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road  
Lake Country, British Columbia V4V 2M1

Council Present: Mayor Blair Ireland  
Councillor Tricia Brett  
Councillor Heather Irvine  
Councillor Michael Lewis  
Councillor Todd McKenzie  
Councillor Bib Patel  
Councillor Cara Reed

Staff Present: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jeremy Frick, Director of Planning & Development  
Trevor James, CFO, Director of Finance & Administration  
Matthew Salmon, Director of Infrastructure & Development Engineering  
Brad Savoury, Director of Legal Services and Risk Management  
Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services  
Matt Vader, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Greg Price, Manager of Building and Bylaw Services  
Carie Liefke, Manager of Current Planning  
Brian Zurek, Manager of Long Range Planning  
Makayla Ablitt, Legislative & FOI Coordinator  
Mike Mitchell, Utility Operations Manager  
Kiel Wilkie, Capital Project Manager  
Richard Wagner, Manager of Finance

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#### 1. Acknowledgement

*We acknowledge that we are conducting our business today on the unceded territory of squilx"/syilx (Okanagan) peoples. As a Council, we recognize the importance of doing our best to build respectful relationships that contribute to stewarding the land and waters in the community with integrity and consideration for future generations.*

#### 2. Public Hearing Statement

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor read the statement regarding the role of Council at a Public Hearing. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

**3. Official Community Plan Amendment | OCP00061 | Map 6**

Councillor Lewis declared a conflict of interest due to property ownership and left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**3.1 Letters received prior to posting of Agenda**

None.

**3.2 Letters received following posting of Agenda**

1 letter was received after posting the Agenda.

**3.3 Public Comment**

Martina Bevil | Nighthawk Rd

Ms. Bevil spoke on behalf of residents on Nighthawk Rd and asked that their area be considered for inclusion within the conceptual sewer area boundary the same as the properties on the proposed OCP amendment are.

Brad Thompson | Nighthawk Rd

Mr. Thompson asked if the District's sewage treatment plant is capable of adding more development. His comments were addressed by the Director of Engineering.

Martina Bevil | Nighthawk Rd

Ms. Bevil asked for clarification regarding comments from the Director of Infrastructure and Development Engineering regarding the capacity of the waste water treatment facilities.

Jeff Zeitz | Nighthawk Rd

Mr. Zeitz addressed Council regarding how these changes are going to effect tax payers in several years.

The Mayor asked if there were any further comments from the gallery a first, second and third time. There were none.

**4. Zoning Bylaw Amendment | Z0000341 | Backyard Chickens**

Councillor Lewis returned at 7:16 p.m.

**4.1 Letters received prior to posting of Agenda**

None.

**4.2 Letters received following posting of Agenda**

9 letters were received after posting the Agenda.

**4.3 Public Comment**

Erin Newens | Owner of Perks Pastures

Ms. Newens emphasized to Mayor and Council the benefits and responsibilities of owning backyard chickens. She highlighted the importance of proper management to prevent issues such as avian flu and nuisances to neighbors. Ms. Newens also noted the advantages of backyard chickens for food sustainability, reducing landfill impact, and educating the public about nature.

Frank O'Connor | Bonnie Drive

Mr. O'Connor expressed his opposition to amending the bylaw to allow chickens. He shared that he had previously appeared before Council in 2019 to voice his concerns. Since then, he has continued to experience issues with chickens in his yard, leading to disturbances and attracting coyotes. He emphasized that the current bylaw should remain unchanged.

Veronica Liew |

Ms. Liew raised concerns about the bylaw definition of "nuisance" concerning backyard chickens. She clarified that her neighbor's chickens are hens, not roosters, and are kept in a cage, yet a neighbor complained about noise. She also expressed frustration over a bylaw officer's entries into her neighbor's house. She seeks clarity on what constitutes a "nuisance" under the bylaw.

Amanda Armstrong |

Ms. Armstrong supports backyard chickens and believes residents can be responsible chicken owners. She addressed fears around avian influenza, noting that guidelines requiring covered coops mitigate risks. Ms. Armstrong mentioned that many residents already keep chickens responsibly and are registered with the premise ID to receive notifications about outbreaks. She emphasized that the risk already exists and allowing chickens in urban lots does not add new risks.

The Mayor asked if there were any further comments from the gallery a first, second and third time. There were none.

**5. Closure of Public Hearing**

The Mayor terminated the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

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Mayor, Blair Ireland

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Corporate Officer, Reyna Seabrook