

**The Corporation of the City of Iqaluit
Minutes of a Public Hearing**

Held on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 2017 commencing at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chamber.

Present from Council

Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Jason Rochon
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Noah Papatsie

Absent

Mayor Madeleine Redfern

Present from Administration

Muhamud Hassan, Chief Administrative Officer
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
Mélodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer
Jeanie Eeseemaillie, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

Also present

Barry Cornthwaite, Manager, Capital Planning, Department of Education
Andrea Witzaney-Chown, Vice Chair, Iqaluit District Education Authority

Deputy Mayor Stevenson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., acknowledged the gallery and noted that Administration would continue with the public hearing on General Plan By-law Amendment No. 835 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 836.

Administration noted that a traffic study was conducted in 2016, a walking tour of the subject area occurred May 3, 2017 and a public consultation was held May 11, 2017. Per requirements, notices were distributed to neighbours within a 100 metre radius of the area and posters were distributed. The city has not received formal comments on the proposed amendments but met with the IDEA on April 24th and noted that they are present to provide an oral submission. It was also noted that a meeting was held with a neighbor concerned with snowmobile trail preservation.

Administration explained that the subject lands are currently vacant and comprise two adjacent lots located in Tundra Ridge on Plan 2104; Lot 824 is zoned Public/Institutional and Lot 823 is zoned Open Area Zone. The surrounding development consists of mostly low and medium density residential development. For the past decade, the demand for institutional lots has been low; currently, there is no residential land available for lease by the city. The purpose of the general plan amendment is to change the land use designation to residential, to relocate and protect a snowmobile trail and to allow for the development of a new municipal road. The purpose of the zoning amendment is to rezone the lands to permit new low and medium density residential development.

It was noted that there is potential for snow drifting due to the rocky knoll located just north of the proposed R2 lots. The proposed Exception Zone limits the types of buildings to those typically larger in scale and that have a minimum height of 2 storeys in order to mitigate snow drifting effects on the new subdivision.

The Planning and Development department undertook a traffic study between June 2016 and January 2017. Concept 4 of the study was recommended to be the most balanced approach of providing access to the new development, minimizing neighbourhood cut-through traffic and minimizing the interaction between development traffic and school related traffic. The traffic study did not review the option of a cul-de-sac next to Joamie School but an analysis on this option may be provided during the rulings on representations portion of the council meeting as the IDEA may suggest this option.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson called for questions or comments a first time for General Plan By-law Amendment No. 835 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 836.

Mr. Barry Cornthwaite expressed his concern over not having seen the traffic study and raised concerns over the additional cost of moving wooden structures in front of the school. He noted that the school is at full capacity, and the proposed development is seen as a safety concern for the students at the school and other children who would be living in the development.

Mrs. Andrea Witzaney-Chown expressed concerns about the safety of children walking to school and noted that the IDEA does not support any plan that brings traffic past the school. The increased traffic from the proposed INAC daycare is also of concern. The IDEA would like the plan to address a road plan, for the contribution funding to go toward benefits for the children at the school, possibly the playground area and would also like the cul-de-sac idea to be re-visited.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson called for questions or comments a second time for General Plan By-law Amendment No. 835 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 836.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson called for questions or comments a third and final time for General Plan By-law Amendment No. 835 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 836.

Noting no further comments or questions from the public, Deputy Mayor Stevenson declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:20pm.

Romeyn Stevenson
Deputy Mayor

Muhamud Hassan
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council this **25** day of **July**, 2017, AD.