

**Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
held in d’Esterre Seniors Centre
on Wednesday April 6, 2022**

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan, N. Minions, M. Swiftt
Absent: Councillor J. Kerr
Staff J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

The Public Hearing Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

There were 22 members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Arnott acknowledged that the Town of Comox is standing on the Unceded traditional territory of the K’omoks First Nation.

PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENT

Mayor R. Arnott 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 in property is affected by the proposed applications:

- 1. Rezoning Application RZ 21-6 (132 Port Augusta Street):**
 - a. Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2000
- 2. Liquor Licence Review Application PR 22-6 (132 Port Augusta Street)**

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, copies of the proposed bylaw, supporting documentation and any submissions to Council received from the public have been available for inspection at comox.ca 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 regarding either application 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 and whether you are speaking to the rezoning

application, the liquor licence review application or both. 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.

Application Summary:

The Blackfin Pub at 132 Port Augusta Street currently has two separate applications in progress:

1. Rezoning Application RZ 21-6 (132 Port Augusta Street):

a. Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2000

In general terms, the purpose of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2000 is to increase the maximum seating capacity of the Blackfin Pub from 175 seats (the current Comox Zoning Bylaw 1850 maximum) to 310 seats.

2. Liquor Licence Review Application PR 22-6 (132 Port Augusta Street)

In general terms, the purpose of the Liquor Licence Review Application is to increase the existing Liquor Primary licence from 110 persons to 175 persons to include a 65-person outdoor patio.

Public Hearing Submissions:

Mayor Arnott made the following statement:

Written – To ensure that written submissions are included in the minutes of the meeting, please ensure that all are submitted via email to council@comox.ca before the end of the meeting.

Verbal – The proposed bylaw is now open for discussion.

Craig Rennison – 1782 Comox Avenue: expressed support for both applications.

Hubert and Belinda Migue – 77 Jane Place: expressed full support, citing more energy and the patio being a huge asset.

Mark Middleton – 8676 Schjelderup Road, Black Creek: expressed full support for both applications, citing a rough past couple of years and the Blackfin being a positive anchor.

Sharon Parker – 25-1646 Balmoral Avenue: expressed support for both applications, citing use of Blackfin and encouragement of this type of business.

Bill Toews – 110-1807 Beaufort Avenue: expressed, as an adjacent business owner, his support for both applications.

Close of Public Hearing:

There being no speakers wishing to make representation, Mayor Arnott 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 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 bylaws.

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

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

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

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


Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Certified fair and accurate pursuant to Section 890(7) of the Local Government Act.



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER