

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

Held on Tuesday, the 26th day of June 2018, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

Councillor Kuthula Matshazi

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Matthew Hamp, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Michelle Armstrong, Planning Consultant
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant
Amanda Pollock, Recording Secretary

Mayor Redfern called the meeting to order and advised a Public Hearing was being held on the General Plan By-law Amendment No. 857.

Michelle Armstrong, Planning Consultant advised that By-law Amendment No. 857 is a proposed amendment to the General Plan. The Amendment received first reading in May 2018 and Public Notice was given as required for the Public Hearing.

Ms. Armstrong noted that Amendment No. 857 is two separate amendments proposed to the General Plan. The first amendment is to remove the policy in the General Plan that prohibits metal siding in the Core Area. The applicant wishes that this policy be removed for the Federal Road Inuit Owned Lands that are part of the development scheme. Those are the lands that would be removed from prohibiting metal siding. The applicant argues that they would like the flexibility to be able to use metal siding selectively on their buildings, not just for the current development proposals, but for all future development proposals on these lands. They point to the materials being energy efficient, fire resistant, durable, high quality, and suitable for mounting solar panels on, which is part of their overall plan for the development of these lands. They also point to the fact that metal is more attractive than it has been in the past.

Ms. Armstrong noted if the restriction on metal siding is removed, the Core Area Urban Design Guidelines contain provisions around materials and durability of materials, and attractiveness. Ms. Armstrong advised there is still some ability to guide and provide input on material selection.

Ms. Armstrong advised the second amendment that is proposed, and this is shown specifically on Schedule A to the proposed By-law, is a small portion of land within the Inuit Owned Lands, at the northerly central area, and it is currently a rock outcrop. The rock outcrop was shown as open space in the development scheme for these lands, but it is very close to the hotel and conference centre and they would like to remove a portion of the rock outcrop to help improve the snow drifting against the hotel building and to also relocate some of their parking and have additional parking. Ms. Armstrong advised the request is the small portion of land be re-designated from open space to a commercial designation.

Mayor Redfern called for representations or questions from the gallery; hearing none, Mayor Redfern asked Council if they had any questions or comments.

Councillor Nattaq noted that in 1999 he was a council member and there was a discussion on development in the Iqaluit area. The general plan was to include that area, but the power corporation wanted to use the area for their own requirements.

Councillor Akumalik asked what effect the change would have if it is zoned commercial.

Ms. Armstrong advised that the lands that are proposed to be re-designated are immediately abutting the hotel and conference centre site. The proposal is to use the lands as part of the hotel and conference centre. If the lands were re-designated, the applicant would amend the development permit to include those lands in the permitted lands and remove a portion of the rock outcrop and use the land for a parking space and access.

Councillor Akumalik asked the definition of commercial.

Ms. Armstrong advised the definition of commercial is quite wide. It would allow all types of commercial development. However, the parcel being requested to be re-designated could not be developed independently or separately from the current proposal because it is too small and it does not have access to the road plan the applicant put forward.

Councillor Akumalik asked if all the other space would be open space and not commercial.

Ms. Armstrong advised only the lands to be re-designated would be commercial and the rest of the lands would remain open space and unchanged.

Mayor Redfern asked for questions or comments from the gallery a second time; hearing none, Mayor Redfern called for comments, questions or representations a third and final time.

Noting no representations, comment or questions, Mayor Redfern declared the Public Hearing closed.

Madeleine Redfern
Mayor

Matthew Hamp
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City of Council on 28 day of August, 2018.