

Attachment 1
Delegate's Report of the Public Hearing
Held at Cedar Heritage Centre
1644 MacMillan Road
Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm
To Consider Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan
Amendment Bylaw No. 1620.04, 2018 and Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and
Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.419, 2018

Note: This report is not a verbatim recording of the proceedings but a summary of the comments of those in attendance at the Public Hearing.

PRESENT:

Alec Mcpherson, RDN	Chair, Electoral Area 'A' Director
Greg Keller, RDN	Senior Planner
Jeremy Holm, RDN	Manager of Current Planning
Toby Seward, Seward Developments Ltd.	Agent
Stephen Dives, NCID Chair	Subject Property Owner

10 members of the public attended the meeting.

The Chair called the hearing to order at 6:35 pm, introduced those present representing the Regional District, and outlined the procedures to be followed during the hearing.

Greg Keller provided an explanation of the proposed amendment bylaw and application process.

The Chair called for formal submissions with respect to Bylaws 500.419, 2018 and 1620.04, 2018.

Adina Recruit, 1688 Cedar Road spoke in favour of proposed facility and indicated that she looks forward to the project advancing.

Stephen Dives, NCID Chair 2093 Brix Road spoke in support of the application.

Toby Seward, agent, indicated that the subject property was acquired as it was deemed to be an optimal location for the proposed water treatment plant. Mr. Seward indicated that the goal is water quality and quantity and to satisfy island health requirements. Mr. Seward explained that of key importance is groundwater protection, the Cedar Road buffer, protection of the riparian area adjacent to the Nanaimo River, and access to the river. Mr. Seward stated that he has been in discussions with the neighbours and that NCID will be working with the neighbours to address their concerns.

Sharon Thomson, NCID Trustee, 1742 Wilkinson Road spoke in support of the application to ensure that there is a safe effective water supply.

Allan Dagg, NCID Trustee, 1449 Fiddick Crescent, spoke in favour of the proposed development and indicated that it would be a benefit to the community

Peter Johnson 3597 Juriet Road, spoke in favour of the proposed water treatment plant, but does not support public access through the property.

Kirsten Vanden Hoek, 1905 York Road, stated that she does not support the proposed public access. Ms. Vanden Hoek indicated that she lives next to the proposed public access and is concerned with garbage and trespass. Ms. Vanden Hoek stated that she is ok with the water treatment plant.

Marco Recruit, 1688 Cedar Road, spoke in favour of the proposed public access and indicated that garbage cans are needed. Mr. Recruit suggested that there doesn't seem to be issues with garbage on the subject property or trespass. Mr. Recruit stated that it would be a great to have access to go to the river.

Bretta Sitler, NCID Trustee, 1757 Starling Road, indicated that she fully supports the application.

Sharri Seacord 1911 York Road, stated that she supports the proposed water treatment plant but does not support the proposed public access trail to the river. Ms. Seacord suggested that the existing river access areas should be improved. Ms. Seacord stated that she is concerned with parking on Cedar Road and privacy.

No written comments were received at the hearing.

The Chair called for further submissions for the second time.

The Chair called for further submissions a third and final time.

There being no further submissions, the Chair adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:49 pm.

Certified fair and accurate as to the views expressed at the hearing this 17 day of August, 2018.



Greg Keller
Recording Secretary



Alec McPherson
Director, Electoral Area A (the Chair)
Delegate of the RDN Board