

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** August 1, 2023

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

**SUBJECT:** Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356, 2022)

**APPLICANT:** City of Prince George

**LOCATION:** 2021 Foothills Boulevard

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Distribution Area Map (Exhibit “A” to CP100193)  
Request for Comment Letter  
Public Notice  
Correspondence Received

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 1, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356, 2022)”.

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the comments received through the public consultation process for Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Application No. CP100193, Amendment Bylaw No. 9356, 2022 to redesignate the City-owned property at 2021 Foothills Boulevard (subject property) as Parks and Open Space.

## Background

As directed by Council at the Regular Council Meeting on October 3, 2022, Administration has initiated the amendment to Schedule B-6: Future Land Use of the OCP to redesignate the subject property as Parks and Open Space. The proposed OCP amendment will redesignate the subject property from Rural Resource and Neighbourhood Residential to Parks and Open Space, as shown on Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9356, and rezone the subject property from AG: Greenbelt and AF: Agriculture and Forestry to P1: Parks and Recreation, as shown on Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9357.

On February 6, 2023, Council approved First and Second Reading of OCP Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356) and Rezoning Application No. RZ100769 (Bylaw No. 9357).

## **POLICY / REGULATORY ANALYSIS:**

The *Local Government Act* requires that local governments consult with persons, organizations, and authorities considered to be affected by an Official Community Plan amendment. On February 6, 2023, Council approved the following consultation process for Official Community Plan Application No. CP100193, Amendment Bylaw No. 9356:

- a) Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit “A” to CP100193.

### **Request for Written Comment**

37 letters requesting comment were mailed on February 21, 2023, to owners and occupants of the properties identified on Exhibit “A” to CP100193. The letters requested that residents forward written submissions regarding the OCP amendment application to the City of Prince George Development Services Division by March 21, 2023. Information pertaining to the proposed amendment, such as the Report to Council and Supporting Documents, were made available on the City of Prince George website under the “[Public Notices](#)” webpage.

During the OCP public consultation process (February 21, 2023, to March 21, 2023), Administration received eighteen (18) letters regarding this application. All letters were in support of the application. The correspondence received included comments related to:

- The importance of protecting sensitive, natural areas;
- A request for additional access to the greenspace off of Bench Drive;
- Importance of access to greenspace and riverfront areas; and
- Appreciation for the residents who maintain the pathways.

Any correspondence received after the OCP public consultation will be provided to Council prior to public hearing.

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

Administration has undertaken the public consultation process for Official Community Plan Application No. CP100193, Amendment Bylaw No. 9356 in accordance with Council’s direction and the *Local Government Act*. Administration received eighteen (18) letters of written correspondence in support of this application which has been attached to this report for Council’s consideration.

## **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

**PREPARED BY:** Bryce Deveau, Planner 1

## **APPROVED:**

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2023/08/28