

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: April 29, 2020

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Rezoning Application No. RZ100649 (Bylaw No. 9100)

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council WAIVES the requirements for a public hearing for proposed “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9100, 2020”, pursuant to Section 464(2) of the *Local Government Act*.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to waive the public hearing requirement for proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9100, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and Ministerial Order No. M083 issued under the *Emergency Program Act*, City Council at their meeting held April 6, 2020 passed a resolution to waive public hearings for rezoning applications as described below. This decision is effective for the period that Ministerial Order No. M083 applies.

Legislation specifies that a local government may waive the holding of a public hearing on a proposed zoning bylaw if an official community plan is in effect for the area that is subject to the zoning bylaw and the bylaw is consistent with the official community plan. Further, Council resolved that in addition to the legislative requirements above, in order for Staff to recommend that Council waive a public hearing, the following criteria must also be met:

- a. approval of the rezoning application is supported by Staff; and
- b. a determination that the public hearing on the application is not expected to generate significant public input.

Notice of City Council’s decision to waive the public hearing and the opportunity to provide written comments, will be published in accordance with legislative requirements. Written submissions received in response to the public notice for this application will be provided to Council for consideration at the time third reading of the bylaw is proposed to be considered. Submissions received after the Council meeting agenda has been published will be provided to Council as a handout on the day of the Council meeting for consideration during deliberations on the application.

Subject to Council’s approval of first two readings of Bylaw No. 9100, 2020, third reading and adoption of the proposed bylaw may be considered at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Administration recommends that Council waive the public hearing requirement for Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9100, 2020 due to the rationale identified above.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development

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APPROVED:

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2020/05/11