



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** of Council held immediately following the Public Hearing on July 25th, 2016 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424-3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor L. Brain
Councillor B. Mirau
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor J. Thorkelson

ABSENT: Councillor N. Kinney

STAFF: C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer / Deputy CAO
R. Mandryk, Corporate Administrator
V. Stewart, Communications Manager
Z. Krekic, City Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Mirau and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 25th, 2016 be adopted as circulated with the addition of the topic of the AAP on Graham Avenue.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor read through the Statement of the Chair on the Procedures for the Committee of the Whole Meeting and then called the first speaker to the microphone regarding the Graham Avenue proposal.

(a) **Graham Avenue AAP in regard to the Park Dedication Removal and Disposal Bylaw No. 3379, 2015.**

Robert Warren and Judy Warren of 2121 Graham Avenue.

Asked that a decision regarding the development on Graham Avenue be made in September as most of the area residents are away on holidays. Commented on sewer and water.

Brian Denton of 2134 Graham Avenue.

Is not opposed to development.

In this case however we do not know what the development will be.

Commented on selling price of lot.

Keith Lambourne of 1724 Atlin Avenue.

Is in favour of the development.

The vacancy rate in the City is zero. There is nothing to downsize into.

People downsizing have to move out of the City in order to move into a smaller development.

Brian Roberts of 150 Van Arsdell Street.

Is not opposed to the sale of the site. Does not believe we should be selling parkland and not at the price as presented.

Ken Maclean of 2128 Graham Avenue.

Is of the opinion that the price of the parkland is not realistic.

The money received on the parkland will not allow for anything of substance to be built.

Kevin Stunder, Developer.

Reported that an appraisal was done on this property indicating the value as presented.

The increased land allows for higher density but will not have the actual land touched.

Angelo L. of 180 Van Arsdell.

The people within the neighbourhood who have been there a long time should have greater weight in the decisions surrounding this development.

Lothar Schiese

Spoke about if the parkland is sold, the city loses control of the parklands.

William Spat, resident of the area.

Is of the opinion that the assessed value of the parkland is not correct.

Requested that Council reserve its discussion.

Lothar Schiese

Worked on the trails that were built in this community.

Is of the opinion that this area be developed under grants and taken forward as a trail.

Judy Warren of Graham Avenue.

All connected by public laneways in the community.

Ms. Warren suggested that the connecting laneway and parkland and green space is the one special thing of the city and the community.

Ms. Toby McLean of 2128 Graham Avenue.

Parkland was compared to parklands in other areas such as Sherbrooke.

Questioned as to why the land being sold at the end of Graham made to be at the same price as on Sherbrooke.

Pat Stevens.

Comparing the value of the land as it stands, understands why the value is there.
Is of the opinion that the Bryton group has been provisioned with land to increase the value of their property.

5. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

6. ADJOURNMENT TO RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

These meeting Minutes were adopted by Council. To view signed original, visit City Hall Administration or contact via phone 250-627-0934 or email Cityhall@princerupert.ca

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR