

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE TOWN OF FORT QU'APPELLE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT 160 COMPANY AVENUE SOUTH, FORT QU'APPELLE, SASKATCHEWAN
Monday, September 22, 2014

TOPIC: Bylaw No. 24/14 - A Bylaw to Adopt the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Official Community Plan

PRESENT: Ron Osika, Mayor
Jeff Brown, Councillor
Lee Finishen, Councillor
Brian Janz, Councillor
Tanya Kullaway, Councillor
Robert Morton, Councillor

ABSENT: Jenny Melanson, Councillor

STAFF: Kelly Schill, Chief Administrative Officer
Jessica Heisler, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

ORDER: Mayor Ron Osika called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jessica Heisler, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer read and explained Bylaw No. 24/14 - A Bylaw to Adopt the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Official Community Plan.

Mayor Ron Osika asked a first time if anyone present wished to make a written or verbal presentation regarding Bylaw No. 24/14.

Lorna Evans made a verbal presentation in addition to submitting a written presentation regarding Bylaw No. 24/14. Ms. Evans endorsed the many objectives in the Official Community Plan concerning protection of the environment, however, she expressed concerns regarding developments taking place within the past few years that have been contradictory to the proposed OCP. Ms. Evans explained that the proposed OCP indicates future industrial development and there is no more room within the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle for industrial development.

Ms. Evans endorsed the proposed OCP for including policy statements covering the following:

- *Aesthetically pleasing entranceways;*
- *Pocket parks;*
- *Working collaboratively with neighboring municipalities;*
- *Affordable housing;*
- *Preservation of arts, culture and heritage;*
- *Working collaboratively with First Nation communities;*
- *Improving water quality;*

Ms. Evans expressed concerns regarding the Appendix 'A' – Future Land Use Map for proposed developments within environmentally sensitive areas.

Mayor Ron Osika asked a second time if anyone present wished to make a written or verbal presentation regarding Bylaw No. 24/14.

Jeff Lagasse made a verbal presentation regarding Bylaw No. 24/14. Mr. Lagasse endorsed the objectives contained in the proposed OCP, however, he felt that it will be hard to move forward if the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle doesn't work to improve the image of the Town. Mr. Lagasse explained that we are hardened to our own reputation and it will be hard to move forward and attract development and tourism unless this changes.

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Mayor Ron Osika asked a third time and final time if anyone present wished to make a written or verbal presentation regarding Bylaw No. 24/14.

Brian Janz entered Council Chambers at 6:13 p.m.

Doreen Evans made a verbal presentation regarding Bylaw No. 24/14. Ms. Evans explained that she has been a resident of Fort Qu'Appelle for 60 years and expressed her concerns regarding development taking place that cuts into the hillsides. Ms. Evans requested that future development preserve the natural beauty of the valley.

Mayor Ron Osika asked if any written submissions were received prior to the Public Hearing. Jessica Heisler, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, acknowledged that no written submissions were received.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Osika adjourned the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.



Mayor

Administrator