



## PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

### Land Use By-Law 662-2007 Amendment

and

### Municipal Development Plan By-Law 536-98 Amendment

April 27, 2009

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor

Councilors

Leora MacKinnon

Grant Mott

Paul Marinus

Mary Campbell

Jim Ahn (6:35PM)

Chief Administrative Officer

Director of Finance

Director of Operations

Director of Community Services

Assistant Development Officer

Dennis Egyedy

Florrie MacLeod

Owen Farnel

Catherine Cole

Cindy Nielson

Absent with Notice

Brenda Burridge

Louis Beloin

Director of Parks & Recreation

Christine Westerveld

Executive Secretary

Katlynn Bennett

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Public Hearing for Land Use By-Law 662-2007 Amendment and for Municipal Development Plan By-Law 536-98 Amendment to order Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

**111-09**

To accept the agenda for the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Public Hearing of Land Use By-Law 662-2007 Amendment and the Municipal Development Plan By-Law 536-98 Amendment as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor MacKinnon called for comments from the public wishing to speak in-favour of the amendments. No one came forward.

Mayor MacKinnon called for comments from the public wishing to speak in-opposition of the amendments. Todd DeCicicio, President of Marnevic Construction Ltd. came forward to the speakers table. Mr. DeCicicio expressed to Council that locally owned businesses should have an advantage with living quarters over outside businesses. Fox Creek is a unique community and cannot be compared to other Towns which do not allow industrial living quarters. Secondly, the bunkhouse status should not be affected by a change of ownership.

A second speaker came forward, Rennie Fournier, Fox Creek Excavating to express his opposition of the amendments. Mr. Fournier spoke about helping workers come from Eastern Canada coming to Fox Creek for employment and a temporary place to live. Secondly, by having residents on his property it prevents crime, he needs a security suite. The current arrangement for his bunk house employees is a maximum stay of no longer than six months which prevents the Landlord / Tenant relationship.

A third speaker came forward, Lawrie Bisson, Bisson Forestry Ltd. to express his opposition of the amendments. Mr. Bisson spoke about their need to update or replace buildings without being told they will lose their right to rebuild under the Amended By-law. The By-law would be acceptable if they are allowed to rebuild in the event of a fire or replace an aging structure.

Councilor Ahn informed the meeting that the changes were brought forward to prevent new business from requesting 20 units in the industrial area.

Mayor MacKinnon spoke about the need to have an industrial campsite for all workers to live away from the work site. The Mayor expressed that Council is on the same side of assisting business owners and we will try to work together on this issue.

Mayor MacKinnon recommended postponing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the By-law Amendments until further changes are made to address business concerns.

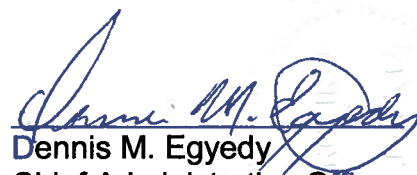
**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

**112-09** To adjourn the Public Hearing of Land Use By-Law 662-2007 Amendment, and the Municipal Development Plan By-Law 536-98 Amendment at 7:15 P.M.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
Leora MacKinnon  
Mayor

  
Dennis M. Egyedy  
Chief Administrative Officer

May 11, 2009  
Date Approved