



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Tuesday, February 20, 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor C. Beach  
Councillor K. Holliday  
Councillor M. Riis-Christianson  
Councillor C. Rensby  
Director of Finance S. Meeds  
Deputy Corporate Officer R. Billard

**GUESTS**

Maria Sandberg – Planner, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

**PUBLIC**

9 members of the public

**MEDIA**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor C. Beach called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2018-02-21: 103**

**THAT the Agenda for this meeting be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS**

Mayor Beach discussed the rules and procedures for the public hearing.

Mayor Beach introduced M. Sandberg.

The Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No 976, 2018

- M. Sandberg discussed the amendments.
- M. Sandberg discussed the purpose of the amendments.
- M. Sandberg discussed proposed changes to the bylaw.

The Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 977, 2018.

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- M. Sandberg discussed the proposed changes to the bylaw.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

### First call for public comment.

- None

M. Sandberg read four written submissions from public.

Katrina Woodgate – Decker Lake – kwoodgate@hotmail.com

- Safety concerns for the children attending the two schools in the area.
- Increased Traffic to the area
- Potential Risk for increase in crime in the area, putting our children and educators safety at risk
- Concerned regarding air quality if a medical cannabis facility would be located in the area.
- Concerned about the smell of cannabis.

Cathy Woodgate – Decker Lake BC – cathywoodgate@hotmail.com

- C. Woodgate is concerned about the impact of a cannabis facility on children and teachers.
- C. Woodgate is opposed to the location as it is near elementary schools.
- C. Woodgate feels that a cannabis production facility would increase pollution and crime in the Decker Lake area.

Nina Couch – Salmon Arm BC - ninacouch@gmail.com

- N. Couch is concerned about the amount of water a medical cannabis production facility would use.
- M. Couch is concerned about decreasing property values.
- M. Couch is concerned about toxic chemicals affecting the health of residents.
- M Couch is concerned about the smell of a medical cannabis facility.
- M. Couch is concerned about aggressive security measures and bright security lights that would be required by a medical cannabis facility.
- M. Couch is concerned about an increase in criminal activity in the Decker Lake area.
- M. Couch is concerned about the increased risk of fire.
- M. Couch is concerned about the increase in utility billing and property taxes that would result if a medical cannabis production facility is operational in the area.

Megan Benson – Decker Lake BC - mbenson@sd91.bc.ca

- M. Benson is concerned about the location as it is close to two schools.
- M. Benson is concerned about the smell of a cannabis production facility.
- M. Benson is concerned about the cartel like atmosphere that a medical cannabis production facility would create.

- M. Benson is concerned about unsavoury individuals lurking around the facility.
- M. Benson is concerned about an increase in school lock downs that would be required if a medical cannabis facility was in the area.

**Second call for public comment.**

Phillip Sensenig – 3385 Moe Road, Decker Lake.

- P. Sensenig lives directly across from the Moe Road property in question.
- P. Sensenig said he is not in favour of the bylaw amendments to allow for a medical cannabis facility.
- P. Sensenig said he is concerned about the air quality if a medical cannabis facility would be located in the area.
- P. Sensenig said he is concerned about the effects a medical cannabis production facility will have on his property values.

Leanne Miranda – 4420 Moe Road, Decker Lake.

- L. Miranda said she operates Honeysuckle Garden Centre, which is located on Moe Road.
- L. Miranda said she raises bees, which are located on her fence line, adjoining the Moe Road Property in question and she is concerned about the contamination of her bees with pesticides and herbicides.
- L. Miranda said her house well and pond water is located directly across the fence from this facility and she is worried about contamination of her water from pesticides and herbicides.
- L. Miranda said she is starting to grow an organic market garden and has concerns that a medical cannabis facility in the area will impact upon her ability to create an organic environment for her plants.
- L. Miranda said she is concerned that a medical cannabis facility will affect her business.

Bev Olynik – 7877 Rowland Road

- B Olynik is concerned about local residents who all have wells in the area. She said that when new neighbours have drilled wells, her well went dry and had to be dug deeper.
- B. Olynik said water is a huge issue in the Moe Road area.
- B. Olynik said the medical cannabis facility will use a lot of water and she is concerned that local residents will lose access to their water supply.
- B. Olynik said she is starting to grow an organic market garden and has concerns that a medical cannabis facility in the area will impact upon her ability to create an organic environment for her plants We have bees. Would be affected by herbicides and pesticides.

Barbara Tom – 21 Sus Avenue, Burns Lake

- B. Tom said she would like to know more about the security as she feels the medical cannabis facility could attract unfavourable people to the area.
- B. Tom would like to know more about any emergency preparedness plan that would have to be in place.
- B. Tom said she is not against the medical cannabis facility.
- M. Sandberg explained that medical cannabis facilities fall under the jurisdiction of the federal government and their requirements under that federal license have to be fulfilled.

Katie Lambert 121 Francois Lake Drive

- K. Lambert is concerned as she has a child enrolled at Decker Lake Elementary School.
- K. Lambert is concerned about the smell.
- K. Lambert is concerned about the risk of undesirable people in the Moe Road neighbourhood.
- K. Lambert is concerned about people robbing the medical cannabis production facility.
- Not appropriate to put next to schools.

D'arcy Bell - 4055 Wildwood Drive

- D. Bell said he has concerns about well water in the Moe Road area.
- D. Bell said he is not against the medical cannabis facility; however, he does not want it in his backyard.
- D. Bell said there is not a guarantee that the medical cannabis production facility will be able to eliminate smells.
- D. Bell said he is concerned about emergency response times at the Moe Road M2 zone compared to the other M2 zoning.
- D. Bell said that there is a lot more residential near the Decker Lake M2 zone opposed to the Roumieu Road M2 zone.

**Third and final call for public comment.**

None

**AJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded by Council

**2018-02-20: 104**

**THAT the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:23 pm.**

**CARRIED**

  
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MAYOR

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing of Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018