



**PUBLIC HEARING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Franz Wilhelmsen Theatre at Maury Young Arts Centre
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT: Mayor J. Crompton
Councillor A. De Jong
Councillor R. Forsyth
Councillor J. Ford
Councillor J. Grills
Councillor D. Jackson

ABSENT: Councillor C. Jewett

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Municipal Clerk, A. Banman
Acting Director of Planning and Development, R. Licko
Manager of Transportation and Waste Management, A. Tucker
Acting Senior Planner, C. Beaubien
Planner, A. Antonelli
Parks Planner, A. Oja
Planning Analyst, B. McCrady
Council Coordinator, N. Cooper

1. Call to Order

This Public Hearing is convened pursuant to section 464 of the *Local Government Act* to allow the public to make representations to Council respecting matters contained in "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Delete Temporary Use Permits for Home-Based Artist Studios) Bylaw No. 2242, 2019" (the "proposed Bylaw").

Everyone present shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed Bylaw. No one will be discouraged or prevented from making their views known. However, it is important that remarks be restricted to matters contained in the proposed Bylaw.

When speaking, please commence your remarks by clearly stating your name and address.

Members of Council may ask questions following presentations; however, the function of Council at a Public Hearing is to listen rather than to debate the merits of the proposed Bylaw.

2. Purpose of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Delete Temporary Use Permits for Home-Based Artist Studios) Bylaw No. 2242, 2019"

As stated in the Notice of Public Hearing, the purpose of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Delete Temporary Use Permits for Home-Based Artist Studios) Bylaw No. 2242, 2019" is to authorize Home-based Artist Studios to sell products and materials produced on the premises, without the requirement for a Temporary Use Permit.

3. Submissions

Mayor J. Crompton called for submissions from the public.

Maureen Douglas, Executive Director, Arts Whistler

Ms. Douglas commented that she is in support of this change in the bylaw, and noted that she helped administrate the pilot project with four community artist studios. She noted that it will make such a difference to not have a commercial fee and will engage more artists in this opportunity, and added that every opportunity that we have to make it easier for artists helps our arts and culture community to be that much stronger. She thanked staff for their work on this.

Kathleen Tannock, 8581 Drifter Way

Ms. Tannock noted that she is an artist working from her home studio. She noted that she found the Temporary Use Program has caused the art scene to not be able to move forward and grow. She added that it is important for there to be natural selection, and that cannot happen with a strict list of criteria. She noted that if the general public are the judges, then successful artists would thrive and survive if they are supported. She noted that removing the Temporary Use Permit makes for a stronger arts community.

Cheryl Massey, 8506 Forest Ridge Drive

Ms. Massey noted that she and her husband are artists that had reluctantly participated in the pilot project for Temporary Use Permits. She felt that this pilot project did not work. She added that the conversation about selling from home-based studios started in 2012, so it has taken about seven years to get here. She noted that she is happy that Council has decided to work towards removing the Temporary Use Permit, and supports this bylaw as it will make it easier for artists to thrive and flourish in the community.

Anne Popma, 2317 Boulder Ridge

Ms. Popma noted that she is an artist and has been involved in the Temporary Use Permit process over the last five years. She congratulated staff and Council for the work in removing fees for home-based artist studios.

Mayor J. Crompton called three more times for submissions from the public and none were made.

4. Correspondence

Municipal Clerk A. Banman indicated that no correspondence was received regarding the proposed Bylaw.

5. MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That the Public Hearing for "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Delete Temporary Use Permits for Home-Based Artist Studios) Bylaw No. 2242, 2019" be closed.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Municipal Clerk, A. Banman