



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING – MINUTES
Proposed OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023**

April 5, 2023, 6:00pm
North Peace Leisure Pool

ATTENDANCE:

Peace River Regional District: Leonard Hiebert, Chair, Director Electoral Area D
Brad Sperling, Director Electoral Area C
Jordan Kealy, Director Electoral Area B
Ashley Murphey, Planning Services Manager

Applicant/Owner: Peace River Regional District

Public: Six (6) members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair stated the procedural rules in place to govern the conduct of the public hearing as written in the agenda.

3. INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSAL

Staff provided those in attendance with a summary of proposed OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023 for the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2460, 2021.

4. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Staff provided a summary of the application procedures and timeline as outlined in the agenda for those in attendance at the hearing.

5. COMMENTS FROM AGENCIES AND MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVED

Staff read aloud and summarized the comments received from agencies and municipalities as outlined in the agenda.

6. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC

No written comments were received.

7. COMMENTS FROM APPLICANT(S)

Staff gave an overview of the proposed OCP amendment.

8. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Jim Little spoke in general support of the proposal, but noted concerns with the ALC's Non-Farm Use process. Noted that BC Hydro has been able to develop large gravel pits in recent years, however they have several gravel pit applications under review by the ALC that seem to be stalled. Gravel is in high demand for rural roads in the region.

Wayne Bell spoke in regards to concerns regarding the ALC's Non-Farm Use process. Noted that he is aware of several people who have had renewal requests for existing gravel pit tenures refused by the ALC.

9. FINAL COMMENTS FROM APPLICANT(S)

Staff noted that this proposal does not have any impact on the ALC's processes. This change is intended only to ensure consistency with the ALC Act and Regulations and reaffirm that regardless of a Non-Farm Use Approval, the land is to remain agricultural.

10. TERMINATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair terminated the Public Hearing at 6:16 pm.

Certified to be a fair and accurate summary of the nature of the representations respecting proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023, held on April 5, 2023.

Original signed by:

Ashley Murphey, RPP, MCIP
Planning Services Manager

Director Leonard Hiebert, Chair