DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER PUBLIC HEARING

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March 18 April 1 (Continuation): Part 1 Part 2

REPORT of the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, B.C. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor R. Walton

Councillor R. Bassam Councillor R. Hicks Councillor M. Little Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn Councillor L. Muri Councillor A. Nixon

Mr. B. Bydwell, General Manager – Planning, Properties, and Permits Mr. J. Gordon, Municipal Clerk

Ms. J. Paton, Manager – Development Planning Mr. M. Hartford, Community Planner Mr. A. Milek, Transportation Planner Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

Bylaw 8013: The District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan Bylaw 7900, 2011, Amendment Bylaw 8013, 2013 (Amendment 7) Bylaw 8014: The District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1300

The proposed bylaws will allow for redevelopment of the existing church site with a development consisting of a new church, seventy-one market condominium apartment units, and four apartment units to be owned by the North Shore Disability Resource Centre, and operated as affordable rental units.

Mayor Walton welcomed everyone and advised that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive input from the community and staff on the proposed bylaws as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing.

INTRODUCTION OF BYLAWS BY CLERK

Mr. James Gordon, Municipal Clerk, introduced the proposed bylaws and advised that all those who consider that their interest in property may be affected by the proposed bylaws are welcome to speak

PRESENTATION BY STAFF

Presentation: Mr. Michael Hartford, Community Planner

Mr. Michael Hartford, Community Planner, provided an overview of the proposal which would allow for redevelopment of the existing church site with a development consisting of a new church, seventy-one market condominium apartment units, and four apartment units to be owned by the North Shore Disability Resource Centre, and operated as affordable rental units.

- · The new church is approximately 6,000 square feet;
- The applicant has proposed a parking ratio in excess at 1.5 stalls per dwelling unit, a total of 113 stalls for the 75 units, which includes a total of 19 visitor stalls;
- Parking proposed for the church is 28 stalls which meets the minimum required under the Zoning Bylaw;
- The proposed development will be constructed to Built Green "Gold" equivalency;
- The Community Amenity Contribution package includes a proposal for the developer to provide four dwelling units to the North Shore Disability Resource Center at a percentage of market value, public art, and a cash contribution of \$300,000 toward childcare facilities;
- Discussions with the applicant have been directed toward finding a new location for a replacement childcare facility within the Lynn Valley area; and.

IN FAVOUR

. Community benefits would include off-site infrastructure upgrades including sidewalks, boulevard landscaping, and street trees

PRESENTATION BY APPLICANT

4.1 Mr. Doug Purdey, on behalf of Lynn Valley United Church:

- . Spoke regarding the one hundred year history of the church;
- Commented that the proposed development will bring new life and energy into Lynn Valley; and
- . Noted that the developer has worked with the community to address their needs

4.2 Mr. Bryce Rositch, Partner, Rositch Hemphill Architects, on behalf of applicant:

- · Provided history and context of the application; and,
- Spoke to the community benefits which include: riparian restoration for Hastings Creek; protection of the restored streamside area by covenant; and, off-site infrastructure upgrades such as sidewalks, boulevard landscaping, and street trees.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

5.1 Mr. John Neumann, 1100 Block East 29th Street:

- Spoke on behalf of the North Vancouver Disability Resource Centre;
- · Advocated for disability housing;
- Spoke about the affordable housing crisis in North Vancouver:
- . Commented that the architecture of the proposed building fits well with the Lynn Valley Community Centre; and,
- · Urged Council to support the proposed development.

5.2 Ms. Suzanne Klassen, 3100 Block Mountain Highway: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke as the Director of the North Vancouver Disability Resource Centre;
- Stated that the proposed development presents a tremendous opportunity to purchase housing; and,
- · Commented on the importance of aging in place.

5.3 Ms. Megan Stevens, 1600 Block Draycott Road: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke of the importance of Lynn Valley United Church:
- Acknowledged the sense of belonging the church provides; and, · Urged council to adopt the proposed bylaws.

5.4 Mr. Syd Lews, 2000 Block Esqumalt Avenue, West Vancouver: IN FAVOUR

· Commented that proposed development will provide a positive addition to the community.

5.5 Mr. Adam Rennison, 3600 Block Maginnis Avenue: COMMENTING

- . Commented that there are many benefits of the proposed development;
- Expressed concern with the loss of the daycare: Suggested the daycare be relocated to a new site; and,
- Urged Council to ensure the disruption to the thirty-seven children is minimized.

5.6 Ms. Myrna Pearce, 1700 Block Torquay Avenue:

- Spoke about the importance of the programs provided by the church; and.
- Urged Council to support the proposed development.

5.7 Mr. Jason Haight, 3600 Block Maginnis Avenue: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed Lynn Valley Church application;
- · Commented that this project will provide affordable housing opportunities; and,
- · Commented that the Lynn Valley community will be enhanced.

5.8 Mr. Jonathan Haight, 3600 Block Maginnis Avenue: Spoke on the importance of Lynn Valley United Church.

5.9 Mr. Roger Eastwood, 1300 Block Dovercourt Road: IN FAVOUR

- Commented that the proposed development will provide benefits to both the church and the community;
- Commented that the proposed residential units will provide an opportunity for children to stay within the community;
- · Commented that this will provide an opportunity for residents to age in their community;
- . Noted that the design of church will enhance the area:
- . Commented that the proposed residential units are attractive; and
- . Urged Council to help support local families and provide an alternative solution for continued daycare.

5.10 Mr. Hazen Colbert, 1100 Block East 27th Street:

COMMENTING

- · Spoke in support of the project;
- Stated that Mountain Highway will become too congested; and,
- Suggested reallocating some visitor parking stalls to residential

5.11 Ms. Shauna Grinke, 600 Block East Braemar Road:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed development; and,
- Urged Council to support the proposed development.

5.12 Mr. Walter Wright, 2500 Block Viewlynn Drive:

IN FAVOUR

- . Spoke about the history of Lynn Valley United Church;
- Commented that the proposed development will provide a modern community facility; and,
- · Urged Council to support the project.

5.13 Mr. Rod Pearce, 1700 Block Torquay Avenue:

IN FAVOUR

- · Spoke in support of the project; . Commented on how the project has evolved:
- Noted that the proposed development will generate significant funding;
- . Stated that affordable housing is a real issue;
- · Spoke to the importance of having diverse housing in the community; and,
- Urged council to support the project.

5.14 Ms. Anna Sanders, 1600 Block Davenport Place: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the rezoning application;
- · Commented that the land will be better utilized;
- Acknowledged that modernizing the community is a benefit; and.
- Urged Council to support the proposed project.

5.15 Ms. Maureen Brag, Lynn Valley Community Association:

- Spoke on behalf of the Lynn Valley Community Association;
- · Spoke in support of the proposed development; and,
- Suggested Council deal with the daycare as a separate issue to avoid delaying this application.

Council recessed at 8:24 pm and reconvened at 8:32 pm

5.16 Ms. Linda Munro, 3200 Block Mountain Highway:

Spoke on behalf of the Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool Program;

- · Spoke in support of the proposed project;
- Suggested including larger units: and.
- · Expressed concerned that there is not an adequate amount of parking spaces.

5.17 Mr. Steven Peterson, 1100 Block East 29th Street: Spoke in support of the rezoning application: and.

IN FAVOUR

OPPOSED

- Spoke in support of the four apartments to be operated as affordable rentals by the North Shore Disability Resource Centre.
- 5.18 Mr. Jonathan Lindsay, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: OPPOSED
 - · Requested Council to adjourn the Public Hearing to April 1, 2014; · Spoke in opposition to the size of the development:
 - Expressed concern over insufficient parking:
 - Expressed concern with traffic congestion on Mountain Highway and Harold Road;
 - Expressed concern with the shadow of the building;
 - · Expressed concern with the removal of trees; and,
 - Stated the proposed development is too big.

5.19 Mr. Jason Dobmeirer, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: Expressed concern regarding the loss of Rainbow Corner Daycare

5.20 Ms. Karen Bertram, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: OPPOSED

- Spoke in support of the proposed church;
- · Expressed concern with the proposed development around the church;
- Stated that the proposed building is too large:
- · Commented on the loss of sunlight;
- Stated that traffic is a major issue along Mountain Highway;
- · Expressed concern with regards to parking; and,
- Urged Council to adjourn the Public Hearing to April 1, 2014

5.21 Ms. Wendy Hebbourn, 300 Block East Keith Road: COMMENTING

- Spoke in support of the proposed development; and,
- · Stated the need to continue to offer affordable daycare.

5.22 Mr. James Anderson 1100 Block Fast 27th Street:

OPPOSED Expressed concern regarding the loss of Rainbow Corner Daycare.

Council recessed at 9:02 pm and reconvened at 9:04 pm

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Council asked how the Floor Area Ratio was calculated. Staff advised that the Floor Area Ration is 1.5 when considering both uses but 1.38 when considering just the residential use.

Council queried whether mature trees would have to be removed if the size of the underground garage was increased. Staff advised that the trees would not necessarily be removed and the intent is to preserve healthy trees, and new trees, and to restore the riparian area. Only one thirty metre tree will be removed. However, some trees are proposed to be removed due to health

Council queried options for relocation of Rainbow Corner daycare. Staff advised the following

- . A modular building of approximately 2,100 sq. ft. will be installed at Lynn Valley Recreation Centre
- . The proposed building will accommodate thirty-seven children;
- The installation will be funded by the developer through Community Amenity Contributions; and,
- . The building will be installed prior to the demolition of the church and the anticipated rent would be similar to the existing space.

Council suggested reallocating some visitor parking stalls to residential parking stalls.

Staff advised Council of the notification process. A notice was mailed out to residents within a 75m radius on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 and Friday, March 14, 2014.

Council queried the unit mix. Staff will report back on the April 1, 2014 reconvened Public Hearing.

Staff advised that only one, thirty metre tree will be removed.

Staff encouraged continued communication between the Church and Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool Program with regards to shared parking.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

SECONDED by Councillor MURI
THAT the March 18, 2014 Public Hearing be adjourned and reconvene on April 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the District Hall.

CARRIED (9:14 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Confidential Council Clerk

The Public Hearing reconvened in the Council Chamber of the District Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, B.C. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor R. Walton Present:

Councillor R. Bassam Councillor R. Hicks Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn Councillor L. Muri Councillor A. Nixor

Councillor M. Little

Ms. J. Paton, Manager - Development Planning

Mr. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk Mr. M. Hartford, Community Planner
Ms. S. Berardo, Confidential Council Clerk

OPENING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Walton welcomed members of the public and staff to the meeting and advised that the reconvened public hearing is to allow for further public input on the Bylaws.

INTRODUCTION OF BYLAWS BY CLERK

Ms. Natasha Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk, stated the proposed bylaws and advised that all those who consider that their interest in property may be affected by the proposed bylaws are welcome to speak.

PRESENTATION BY STAFF

Presentation: Mr. Michael Hartford, Community Planner

In response to questions raised at the March 18, 2014 Public Hearing, Mr. Michael Hartford advised:

- A total of almost 80% of the units would be considered family-oriented:
- Two conifer trees are proposed to be removed;
- Both trees are listed in the arborist report as being a "suppressed tree" likely arising from lack of light and competition for nutrients;
- . In 2010 the District partnered with the School District to study ways to improve safety for children accessing schools;
- The existing Hastings Manor building to the north at 3275 Mountain Highway has a ten foot setback from the shared property line. The existing Hastings Manor building to the north at 3275 Mountain Highway has a ten foot setback from the shared property line. The combination of the setbacks allows for a building to building separation ranging from thirty feet at the east and west portions of the site and approximately
- To help address concerns regarding parking, the applicant has suggested, and staff has reviewed, a proposal to convert four of the eight exclusive residential visitor stalls to resident stalls and to add five additional resident stalls in the remainder of the garage area; and,
- . The result would be an increase in residential parking from ninety-four stalls to one hundred and three stalls, with four exclusive residential visitor stalls and eleven visitor parking stalls shared with the church

The applicant has noted that due to some demand for larger units in other projects, requests to combine two units to make larger ones and a similar approach would be available in the subject development;

PRESENTATION BY APPLICANT

4.1 Mr. Doug Purdey, on behalf of Lynn Valley United Church

- · Noted that every delay has an impact on the church
- . Commented that this has been a respectful process; and,
- Noted that the developer has worked with the community to address their needs

4.2 Mr. Bryce Rositch, Partner, Rositch Hemphill Architects, on behalf of applicant:

- . Acknowledged that it is not possible to flip the proposed buildings; and,
- Noted that there are options to lessen the height of the proposed building which would reduce shadowing.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

5.23 Ms. Barbara Matiru, 1200 Block Cedarvillage Close:

- IN FAVOUR
- Spoke in support of the proposed development: . Commented that the proposed church and community centre should be in the heart of the community;
- · Commented that the church is a gathering place;
- · Acknowledged the sense of belonging the church provides; and,
- · Urged Council to support the proposed rezoning.

5.24 Mr. Alex Schwarz, 3200 Block Mountain Highway COMMENTING

- Expressed concern with parking issues: and.
- Expressed concern with the transit system.

5.25 Ms. Elizabeth Layton, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: OPOSSED

- Spoke in opposition to the proposed development · Expressed concern with the loss of sunlight:
- · Commented that the view will be diminished;
- Expressed concern with lack of parking stalls
- · Stated that Harold Road cannot support additional vehicles;
- · Expressed concern with increased traffic: and.
- . Expressed concern with the loss of green space.

5.26 Ms. Jessica Haight, 3600 Block Maginnis Avenue: . Spoke on the importance of Lynn Valley United Church;

IN FAVOUR

- Commented that it is crucial to have a place where people feel safe and nurtured; and,
- Urged Council to approve the proposed redevelopment.

5.27 Ms. Judith Wheeler, 3200 Block Mountain Highway:

OPPOSED

- · Expressed concern with the loss of the green space:
- · Expressed concern with traffic issues;
- Expressed concern with the lack of visitor parking stalls;
- Questioned if a species at risk assessment has been completed; and, · Questioned how many trees will be removed.

5.28 Ms. Amanda Phier, 1200 Block East 27th Street:

Spoke as a teacher at Rainbow Daycare; and,

IN FAVOUR

Spoke to a letter written by her students. 5.29 Ms. Patti Dale, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: OPPOSED Expressed concern over insufficient parking: Expressed concern with regards to traffic congestion; · Stated that the proposed building is too big; · Commented that the proposed development is being built too close to the current building; · Expressed concern with the loss of privacy; and, Expressed concern with the shadowing of the building

5.30 Mr. Bryce Rusitch, 120 Block Powell Street, Vancouver: IN FAVOUR

Commented that the clients have agreed to increase parking stalls; and,

Commented that the parking stalls provided exceed the parking requirements.

5.31 Ms. Amanda Vavasour, 3200 Block Mountain Highway:

Commented that the church is a good addition to the community;

Spoke in opposition to the proposed development:

Expressed concern with the loss of green space;

Expressed concern over insufficient parking; · Expressed concern with regards to traffic congestion;

Expressed concern with the shadowing of the building; and.

Commented that the proposed development will negatively impact the surrounding space.

5.32 Mr. Gerry Beckford, Kitsilano, Vancouver: IN FAVOUR

Provided clarification on changes to the landscape and riparian areas;

. Commented that the trees in the riparian area are primarily remaining except the ones that are not healthy; and,

· Noted that privacy between the two units will be optimized.

5.33 Mr. Owen Yates, 1300 Block East 27th Street: IN FAVOUR

. Spoke in support of the proposed development:

· Commented that growth in the community is positive; and,

Stated that the proposed development is aesthetically pleasing

5.34 Mr. Michael Conway, 3300 Block Mountain Highway: OPPOSED

· Expressed concern with traffic congestion; and,

· Expressed concern with the loss of green space

5.35 Mr. David Warwell, 1200 Block Harold Road: OPPOSED

Expressed concern with the size of the proposed development; and.

. Commented that there is too much growth in the community

5.36 Ms. Laurie Townshend, 1200 Block Harold Road: COMMENTING

Urged Council to consider resident only parking on Harold Road.

5.37 Ms. Karen Bertram, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

Expressed concern with the development around the church;

Expressed concern with traffic and parking issues: and.

. Stated that the traffic study should be complete before adopting the proposed bylaws.

5.38 Mr. Hazen Colbert, 1100 Block East 27th Street: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

Spoke in support of the redevelopment of the church

. Urged Council to consider how residents will be negatively impacted; and,

Requested that future residential multi-family strata development be postponed until 2018.

5.39 Ms. Jane Farquarson, Bunt & Associates: IN FAVOUR

· Spoke as the author of the traffic study;

· Noted that parking concerns by residents have been addressed;

· Provided an overview of the traffic impact study:

. Suggested that the church share parking stalls with visitors;

Noted that parking stalls provided are in excess of the average required; and,

· Commented that there are plenty of on-street parking spots during peak traffic times.

5.40 Mr. Alex Swartz, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

Stated that parking is already an issue during weekend soccer games

5.41 Ms. Amanda Vavasour, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

Expressed concern that schools will not be able to accommodate more childre

5.42 Mr. Jonathon Lindsay 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME Questioned if a structural assessment has been completed

· Questioned if trees exceeding seventy-five metres would require replacement;

· Spoke in support of the church:

· Expressed concern with the size and scope of the proposed building;

Expressed concern with an increase in unino, who have a superior of the storeys.

Urged Council to limit the proposed building to three storeys.

SPEAKING A THIRD TIME Expressed concern with an increase in traffic, the loss of privacy, and, shadowing of the building; and,

5.43 Ms. Karen Bertram, 3200 Block Mountain Highway:

Expressed concern with the removal of trees;

· Commented that public transportation is inadequate;

· Expressed concern with the loss of privacy; and,

· Requested a sound assessment be completed before approval of the proposed development.

5.44 Mr. Rod Pearce, 1700 Block Torquay Avenue: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

Commented that Lynn Valley Church has reach the end of its lifespan;

. Commented that a valuable amenity will be lost if the development is not approved;

Commented that concerns raised have been responded to; and, Noted that the developer has worked hard to retain the riparian area.

5.45 Ms. Patti Dale. 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

Requested that the proposed buildings be flipped.

5.46 Ms. Elizabeth Layton, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

Commented that Lynn Valley United Church is in desperate need of repair;

· Commented that the issue is with the neighbouring building; and,

. Expressed concern that the parking ventilation will be beside the creek

5.47 Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Drive: COMMENTING

Spoke on the importance of a shadow study; and,

· Commented that sunlight is crucial.

5.48 Mr. Alex Swartz, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A THIRD TIME

Commented that parking spaces in front of the church would help to alleviate parking issues;

 Commented that Institute Road is too busy: and. Noted that a drop off area for parents is important.

5.46 Ms. Elizabeth Layton, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A THIRD TIME

Requested that the proposed buildings be flipped

5.47 Mr. Jason Dobmeirer, 3200 Block Mountain Highway: SPEAKING A SECOND TIME Stated that residents should not be responsible for the financial state of the church.

Council recessed at 8:36 pm and reconvened at 8:58 pm.

6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Council queried whether School District #44 has been contacted. Staff advised that this is part of the District's standard practice. School District #44 has confirmed that there is sufficient capacity for both elementary and secondary aged students.

Council queried if flipping the proposed building is an option. Staff advised that the site is constrained and there is physically not enough width to flip the proposed building.

7. CLOSING

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN
THAT the Public Hearing for Bylaws 8013 and 8014 be adjourned and will reconvene at 7:00 pm on May 13, 2014.

Opposed: Mayor WALTON, Councillors BASSAM, HICKS, NIXON

MOVED by Councillor BASSAM SECONDED by Councillor HICKS THAT the March 18, 2014 Public Hearing be closed;

AND THAT "The District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan Bylaw 7900, 2011, Amendment Bylaw 8013 (Amendment 7)", be returned to Council for further consideration;

AND THAT "The District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1300 (Bylaw 8014)", be returned to Council for further consideration.

CARRIED Opposed: Councillors MACKAY-DUNN, MURI (9:15 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Confidential Council Clerk