

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
PUBLIC HEARING**

**1356 Frederick Road
Jelly Bean Academy**

REPORT of the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, B.C. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 commencing at 7:27 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor J. Hanson
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn
Councillor L. Muri

Absent: Councillor R. Bassam
Councillor M. Bond

Staff: Mr. B. Dwyer, Acting General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services
Ms. C. Archer, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. Cristina Rucci, Social Planner

1. OPENING BY THE MAYOR

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

In Mayor Walton's preamble he addressed the following:

- Council is here to listen to the public, not to debate the merits of the proposal;
- All members of the audience are asked to be respectful of one another and refrain from applause or other expressions of emotion as diverse opinions are expressed. Council wishes to hear everyone's views in an open and impartial forum;
- Speakers will be called from the established speakers list. At the end of the speakers list, the Chair may call on speakers from the audience;
- Speakers will have five minutes to address Council for the first time and should begin remarks to Council by stating their name and address;
- After everyone who wishes to speak has spoken once, speakers will then be allowed one additional five minute presentation;
- Any additional presentations will only be allowed at the discretion of the Chair; Speakers should not repeat information from previous presentations and should ensure comments remain focused on the proposal under consideration; and,
- At the conclusion of the public input Council may request further information from staff, which may or may not require an extension of the hearing; or Council may close the hearing, after which Council should not receive further new information from the public.

2. INTRODUCTION BY THE CLERK

Mr. James Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services, stated that Jelly Bean Academy, located at 1356 Frederick Road, proposes to amend the Group Child Care (School Age) Facility License by increasing the maximum capacity from 10 children to 17 children. The applicant is also licenced for a preschool at the same address. The maximum capacity for the preschool is 10; this will remain unchanged.

3. PRESENTATION BY STAFF

Nil

4. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANT

4.1. Ms. Nasrin Rahmatian, Owner, Jelly Bean Academy:

- Provided an overview of the Jelly Bean Academy before and after school program;
- Noted the program is full-time during summer and spring break, with children attending daily field trips away from the centre during those times;
- Commented on efforts to mitigate noise and respect the needs of neighbours;
- Indicated that she had not received any negative comments from neighbours and that she is open to input; and,
- Commented on the proximity of community amenities used by the facility, including soccer fields and playgrounds.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

5.1. Mr. Shane Hopkins-Utter, 4500 Block Underwood Avenue: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the application;
- Referred to the applicant's many years of experience in child care;
- Advised that the applicant reminds parents to be respectful of the facility's neighbours and to keep noise to a minimum;
- Reviewed various activities offered at the centre;
- Noted that some parents travel on foot or by bicycle to drop off and pick up children; and,
- Commented on the urgent need for quality child care.

5.2. Mr. Abtin Vakilinia, 2600 Block Mountain Highway: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the application;
- Spoke regarding the urgent need for before and after school care; and,
- Commented on the quality of care provided at the facility.

5.3. Ms. Dal Sangha, 1500 Block McNair Drive: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the application;
- Spoke regarding the urgent need for child care for siblings;
- Commented on the quality of care provided at the facility; and,
- Noted Upper Lynn Elementary School is adding a fourth kindergarten class as of September 2017, increasing the need for before and after school care in the area.

- 5.4. Ms. Tara Black, 1300 Block Chamberlain Drive: IN FAVOUR**
- Spoke in support of the application;
 - Spoke regarding the urgent need for before and after school care, noting programs have long waiting lists;
 - Commented on the need for siblings to attend child care at the same location;
 - Remarkd on the impact access to child care has on working parents;
 - Commented on the owner's respectful attitude toward the neighbours of the facility;
 - Noted the number of kindergarten classes at Upper Lynn Elementary School is increasing from three to four in September 2017; and,
 - Commented on the quality of care provided at the facility.
- 5.5. Mr. Jean-François Lord, 3600 Block Maginnis Avenue: IN FAVOUR**
- Spoke in support of the application;
 - Spoke regarding the urgent need for child care for siblings and the importance of keeping siblings together;
 - Commented on the applicant's caring manner;
 - Spoke regarding the difficulty families have finding child care;
 - Noted the facility's proximity to transit; and,
 - Commented on the varied programs offered at the facility.
- 5.6. Mr. Grant Daisley, 3000 Block Baird Road: IN FAVOUR**
- Spoke in support of the application; and,
 - Commented on the community need for quality child care.
- 5.7. Ms. Tara Sedlak, 3100 Block Dryden Way: IN FAVOUR**
- Spoke in support of the application;
 - Commented on the long waiting lists for before and after school care in Upper Lynn Valley;
 - Spoke regarding the negative impact the shortage of child care has on working families; and,
 - Remarkd on the applicant's excellent reputation for quality care.
- 5.8. Ms. Michelle Wilson, 1100 Block Doran Road: IN FAVOUR**
- Spoke in support of the application;
 - Commented on the applicant's high standard of care;
 - Remarkd on the need for care for siblings and the importance of keeping children together;
 - Noted quality child care is a benefit to the community;
 - Referred to the increase in the number of kindergarten classes and resulting increase in the need for before and after school care; and,
 - Noted new multifamily housing is also increasing the need for child care in Upper Lynn Valley.
- 5.9. Ms. Allison Rzen, 4500 Block Underwood Avenue: IN FAVOUR**
- Spoke in support of the application;
 - Commented on the community need for child care; and,
 - Noted there are many more students than available licenced child care spaces.

5.10. Ms. Susan Grabovac, 1600 Block Kilmer Road:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the application;
- Commended the applicant for her long history of excellent care;
- Noted there is an urgent need for quality child care in Upper Lynn Valley;
- Commented on the positive impact keeping siblings together in care has on families and the environment; and,
- Spoke regarding the difficulty working families have finding care.

5.11. Mr. Ryan Younger, 1300 Block Dovercourt Road:

COMMENTING

- Spoke regarding issues with noise levels;
- Acknowledged the need for child care in the community; and,
- Suggested children be taken indoors if they make excessive noise.

6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Council requested additional information on the impact of class size changes on child care.

7. COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED by Councillor MURI

SECONDED by Councillor HANSON

THAT the June 20, 2017 Public Hearing be closed;

AND THAT the application to amend the Group Child Care (School Age) Facility License by increasing the maximum capacity from 10 children to 17 children at Jelly Bean Academy be returned to Council for further consideration.

CARRIED
(8:07 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Confidential Council Clerk