

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**RECORD OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005, SCHUBERT CENTRE
3505 – 30 AVENUE, VERNON, B.C.**

PRESENT: Mayor Sean Harvey

Councillors: B. Beardsell, P. Nicol, D. O’Keefe,
P. Cochrane, D. Hall, J. MacGillivray

Staff: R. Campbell, City Administrator
K. Lanktree, City Clerk
L. Holowachuk, Mgr. Planning, Dev. & Eng. Serv.
D. Rintoul, City Planner
P. Bridal, Deputy City Clerk
G. Go, Airport Manager

Others: Media and Members of the Public

Mayor Sean Harvey called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Sean Harvey outlined the procedures to be followed.

City Clerk, Ms. Karla Lanktree, advised of the Notice of Public Hearing and advised that notice had been published in the Vernon Morning Star March 6 and 9, 2005, as required by the *Local Government Act*.

1. AIRPORT ZONING REGULATIONS AMENDMENT BYLAW NUMBER 4888

Purpose: to amend the maximum runway length in the bylaw from 1,004m (3,293.12 ft.) to 1,218.836m (3,999 ft.). The extension of the runway length will amend the maximum height of buildings, structures and trees within the runway transitional and approach slopes, as illustrated in the bylaw.

City Clerk Ms. Karla Lanktree advised that prior to Public Hearing forty-eight (48) submissions had been received as follows:

SUBMISSION RECEIVED IN SUPPORT		
	Name	
1	Michael J. Essery, Superintendent Aviation Services, Ministry of Health	Supports - air ambulance - safety
2	Barry Meek, Vernon Ambulance Services	Supports - ambulance

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	Name	
3	Mark Kluge, President/Chief Pilot Northern Hawk Aviation Ltd.	Supports
4	Lorne N. Day, Pilot 1510 – 46 Avenue Vernon, BC	Supports
5	Chuck Ross 6631 Apollo Road Vernon, BC	Supports
6	Mark Paskevich, President Rotech Research Canada Ltd. 6235 Okanagan Landing Avenue Vernon, BC	Supports
7	Marion Ross Vernon Flying Club	Supports
8	Fred Way Sr. Penticton Flying Club	Supports
9	R.L. Ayers 2665 Placer Place Grand Forks, BC	Supports
10	Robert Kennett 50 Farchant Way Vernon, BC V1H 1E3	Supports
11	Michael Payne Okanagan Skydive Adventures 6260 Tronson Road Vernon, BC V1H 1N5	Supports
12	Fred Biollo 6836 Cameo Drive North Vernon, BC	Supports
13	Bev Bonner 6836 Cameo Drive North Vernon, BC	Supports
14	David Madison Aerial Imaging 1390 Camp Road Lake Country	Supports
15	Jack Shurey RR 7, S 11, C 12, Westside Road Vernon, BC	Supports
16	John and Christine Smith 1441 Copper Mountain Court Vernon, BC	Supports
17	Ted Malewski 7092 Amber Drive	Supports

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	Name	
	Vernon, BC	
18	Robert McDicken Pilot, Kal Aviation Group Inc. (Kal Tire) 5685 McClure Road Vernon, BC	Supports
19	Don Butterworth Logistics Manager Rotech Research Canada Ltd.	Supports
20	Tim Holgerson 3910-15 th Crescent Vernon, BC	Supports
21	The Rogalsky Family	Supports
22	Laura-Lee Locheed The Captain of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Assn. (COPA)	Supports
23	Robert Seaton Director of Maintenance Rotech Research Canada AMO	Supports
24	Gunther Scholz 77 Dewdney Rd Vernon, BC V1B 2S4	Supports
25	Arthur K. Ratte 699 Cypress Drive Coldstream, BC V1B 2X9	Supports
26	Jerry Reinhardt Rotech Research Canada Ltd.	Supports
27	Michael McLaughlin Quality Assurance Administrator Rotech Research Canada Ltd.	Supports
28	Michael D. Anderson Calgary, Alberta	Supports
29	Dave Krall CFII President	Supports
30	Joan Pawluski	Supports
31	John Podmerow	Supports
32	Perry Yaremchuk Kamloops	Supports
33	Albert Brausse	Supports

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	Name	
34	R. McDicken	Supports (2 nd letter)
35	Ted Malewski	Supports
36	Roman Rotach Vernon, BC	- Supports
37	Lawrence MacAulay Vernon, BC	Supports

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED OPPOSING		
	Name	
1	Vernon Airport Residents Contact Bill Baker	Opposed
2	Diana Birrell 2652 Lakeshore Road Vernon, BC V1H 1N1	Opposed
3	Fred Makasoff 2619 Lakeshore Road Vernon, BC V1H 1N1	Opposed
4	Tracey Jackson	Opposed
5	Robert Lord Vernon, BC	Opposed
6	Diana Birrell Vernon, BC	Opposed
7	David Lowry Vernon, BC	Opposed
8	Barry Montgomery Vernon, BC	Opposed and Supports
9	Vernon Airport Area Residents	Opposed
10	Bill & Cathy Baker Vernon, BC	Opposed
11	William McRae	Opposed

Mayor Sean Harvey called a first time for representation from the public in attendance.

NAME	COMMENTS
Ian Hawes, President Vernon Airport Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bylaw primarily dealing with length of runway ▪ Corporation was incorporated in Fall of 2003 and is the owner/operator of the Vernon Airport ▪ Vital economic engine for the community ▪ Planning session determined various future developments which included the lengthening of the runway

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presently the shortest runway for a community this size ▪ 20 businesses located at the airport and runway necessary to maintain present business ▪ seeking grants from infrastructure programs ▪ safer ▪ noise is actually reduced with longer runway as airplanes do not have to work as hard to get airborne
Robert Scott Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provided a power-point presentation explaining airplane requirement; takeoff/approach paths; altitude and temperature effects; displaced threshold; PAPI; circuit patterns; regulatory chain, safety under Canadian Aviation Regulations
Ken Finch 105 Joharon, Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Business employs 150 people locally and depends on Vernon Airport for business ▪ Responsible to get employees to and from work, safely
Dan Irvine Okanagan Landing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed (submitted letter) ▪ Questions habitat with creek re-alignment and 15 metre riparian setback; is creek going to be inside or outside the fence ▪ When was the airport master plan adopted ▪ Only a few people benefiting from this ▪ Read experts from the waterfront plan and transport Canada regarding airport site ▪ EBA environmental report states “significant aircraft/avian conflict” – wetlands in area concern ▪ Wetland birdstrike concerns – greater between July and September ▪ More information required
John Stubbs Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports (submitted letter) ▪ Airport runway is short and extension will still be short, but safer – added length is added safety – like paved shoulders on a highway ▪ Canadian Airport Regulations state airplane heights during takeoff and landing ▪ Rented a decimal reader to register the noise in various areas (explained results)
Rick Thorburn Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Past chairman of original airport corporation ▪ Length of extension will improve safety, airplanes suffer from heat and air density which increases requirement length for take-off (compared to a large truck and load restrictions)
Jane Wiexl Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed (submitted letter) ▪ Does not want the airport relocated – leave it the way it is now ▪ Believes runway extension is because of the Western

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	Truck Route and height restrictions
Loralee Lockhead Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Member of Vernon flying club ▪ Provided overview of changes in aviation ▪ Regulated growth and progressive ideas for airport ▪ Employment opportunities to be made – essential job growth ▪ Everything must be considered
Barry Montgomery Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ Supports the airport but not the extension to it ▪ Broader issues here and plans relating to this have all being adopted at different times – Mayor and council need to look at the bigger picture - ▪ Airport Master Plan identifies the purchase of the triangle and these lands could be used – another alternative
Myriam Jayne Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ Noise ▪ Neighbours need to be considered ▪ Land, water and air – what are we doing
Ted Malewski Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Air ambulance necessary – more reliable with longer airstrip
Lawrence MacAulay Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Safety is a concern of pilots, home owners and the public ▪ Extended runway is safer to everyone ▪ Has compassion for people who own lands in airport path and believes City should look at purchasing their lands
Larry Williams Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Has an airplane and runway at the airport ▪ Longer runway is safer
Rod Barnard Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Extension allows for lift off sooner and will allow therefore alleviate the noise ▪ Ambulance service is very stressful for people – it is like a regular ambulance, heavy and needs extra runway length for take off in the heat.
Laura Cherryville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Parent of a child with hearing impairment who travels to Vancouver regularly from the Vernon airport ▪ Air ambulance service
Tim Holgerson Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Pilot for 20 years and safety issues must be considered ▪ Airport is transportation infrastructure
Bill Baker Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ Questions creek re-alignment ▪ Airport extension covers 5 acres which is presently fields ▪ In favor of airport “status quo”

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Several residents not being treated fairly ▪ Cost benefits analysis of the airport expansion ▪ City should stand back and look at everything ▪ Requests all bylaw be rescinded until all questions answered.
Dr. Glen Scheske Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ President of Vernon Jubilee Medical Staff ▪ Big change in Medicare over the years and many medical transfers required ▪ People need access to centre in Vancouver General and Children's Hospital ▪ Air Ambulance is more convenient and quicker in Vernon; dealing with Vernon airport is a simpler quicker process
Mark Paskovich Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Obvious safety reasons ▪ Business would be able to attract more business which would mean more business coming in to the city and more employment
Maurio Lepore Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ His property borders the triangle ▪ He has an agreement registered on his property ▪ Property values have increased on the waterside by 30% but not in his location
Randy Focht Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ Lives at the end of the runway ▪ Trees were over 70 feet and now only 30 feet and he has to pay to have them trimmed ▪ Smell concerns with takeoff and landing ▪ PAPI's – what does this mean ▪ How many airports have residential at the end
Grant Turner Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Owns airplane and hanger ▪ Brings many executives to Vernon for his business ▪ Runway extension will allow me to pick up more speed in the heat and therefore take off quicker which will result in less noise ▪ Medi-vac is very important – Vernon Hospital does not have all the equipment and we need to consider this.
Gunther Schultz Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Tourism, charters Medi-vac, forest fire support ▪ Vernon is a growing city
Sandy Price Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ How much more air traffic could this bring ▪ Will this air traffic effect the automobile traffic on Okanagan Landing Road

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John Barber Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed (submitted letter) ▪ Requests studies regarding the noise ▪ How many times does Medi-vac have to go to Kelowna now ▪ No financial report on costs of expansion – cost to taxpayer ▪ Questions the Financial budget and the absence of snow removal ▪ Devaluation of properties ▪ Airport Corporation should have some residents in area involved ▪ Requests more information and explain what effect the runway extension will have
Stewart (Mary's Manor) Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ Property was rezoned ▪ His business is already affected
Arthur Gavel Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Lives in flight path ▪ Medi-vac and emergency aircraft ▪ Experienced a situation when his son needed an operation and ambulance could not land in Vernon and had to go to Kelowna ▪ If it gets too noise, he'll move – but believes noise will be less ▪ Safer
Cathy Baker Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ Has requested more information through Freedom of Information ▪ Look at option of moving the airport
Vic Schrauwen Armstrong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Deputy Director of Search and Rescue ▪ Search and Rescue needs to be available to activate at any time of the day and anything that makes it safe is the way to go ▪ Evaluations for S & R are done at the Vernon Airport
Bill Baker Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Questions what the time line would be for this extension
<p><i>Mayor Harvey advised that it will approximately 5 to 7 years, however funding is a factor in determining that</i></p>	
Chuck Ross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ As a pilot the extension makes no difference to him, however Medi-vac is important – sometimes the Kelowna airport is fogged in and they need to come to Vernon ▪ Search and Rescue, Fire Smoke Control, airport was utilized during the Okanagan Mountain Fire – very

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	important
Brian Lloyd Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed ▪ Extension confirms more executive jets flying in ▪ Present length limits aircraft that can fly in and would like to see this controlled ▪ Impact on quality of life for residents in the area ▪ Request no decision be made until further issues addressed.
B. Grant Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports
Len Neufeld	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports
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Fred Biolla Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Safety is the biggest concern
Steve Danziel Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Safety is priceless
Doug Ferguson Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opposed (submitted letter) ▪ Requests that airplanes fly higher over the homes at the end of the lake ▪ Safety is a concern but with out trees being topped it removed some of the safety we feel with them there ▪ Questions cost of extension
Harvey Smore Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Doesn't matter what it costs – if you only need to save one life it's worth it
Rosemarie Hiltenkamp Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Medi-vac ▪ Tree topping should be at the City's expense
Dan Irvine Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good information provided tonight but would like air ambulance statistics ▪ Concerned that no clear cut plan for the creek and extension is in place ▪ Wants more information on the ecosystem and environment and the impact it will have on the creek ▪ Request that until final approval from Ministry of Water, Land and air Protection is received, no decision is made
Tim Rolston Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports ▪ Safety ▪ Urges Council to deal with the neighbours fairly
Luke (Kal Aviation) Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports

Mayor Sean Harvey called third and final time for representation from the public in attendance. There being none, Mayor Harvey closed the Public Hearing for Rezoning Amendment Bylaw #4888.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Public Hearing closed at 8:25 pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor:

City Clerk: