

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**RECORD OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3400 – 30 STREET, VERNON, B.C.**

PRESENT: Mayor Cumming

Councillors: B. Quiring, K. Gares, A. Mund,
D. Nahal, (K. Fehr, S. Anderson)

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO
P. Bridal, DCAO / Director, Corporate Services
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
C. Broderick, Manager, Current Planning
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation

Others: Members of the Public

Mayor Cumming called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Cumming outlined the procedures to be followed.

Corporate Officer, Patti Bridal advised that Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the **Friday, December 6, 2019, and Wednesday, December 11, 2019** issues of the Morning Star Newspaper, as required by the *Local Government Act*.

Administration provided a brief overview of the application.

Mayor Cumming called a first time for representation from the public in attendance with regard to:

A. "Zoning Text (Temporary Shelters) Amendment bylaw Number 5788, 2019"

Prior to the Public Hearing no written submissions were received.

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SPEAKER NAME	COMMENTS
David Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travelled for 5 years homeless and without shelter across Canada• Assessed and evaluated what other communities have done in regard to homelessness• Development regulations as stated are good ideas• Best model observed was versatile and resilient• Just need a 'mat program'

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mats on the floor work great – wipe down in morning and put tables out for food, tvs, etc. • With mat program you avoid problems and it is scalable to deal with changing needs • Men on one side, women on the other • Low barrier rules • Avoids all kinds of complications with pests – noticed endemic in shelters with stuffed mattresses, furniture etc. • Mats + metal chairs are best • Noted “A stranger is just a friend you haven’t met yet” • Don’t provoke people – conduct rules should apply to staff as well • Need to be kind to one another – it can change a person’s life • Concerned since 2005 with coming quantum leap in homelessness • Everyone is just a few months away from homelessness
<p>Dan Schnick</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in this meeting is related to temporary housing • Has done prefab housing in the past • Interested in what type of temporary shelters staff are considering • Any other information as to what the City has in mind (nature of facility, power, water, etc.) would be appreciated • A. Admin: What is before Council is not a zoning issue or what the temporary shelters may look like – just regulation around setbacks, etc.

Mayor Cumming called a second, third and final time for representation from the public. There being none, Mayor Cumming closed the Public Hearing for:

“Zoning Text (Temporary Shelters) Amendment bylaw Number 5788, 2019”

CLOSE:

The Public Hearing closed at 5:44 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer