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Council reconsiders zoning application for 5000 20th Street

At its Regular Meeting of June 8, 2020, Council rescinded third reading on the rezoning application for 5000 20th Street and passed a resolution to host a new Public Hearing and reconsider this application.

Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council directs Administration to issue a media release that advises the public of the additional Public Hearing for “5000 20th Street Rezoning Amendment Bylaw Number 5760, 2019” a rezoning application previously supported by Council subject to “a Land Title Act Section 219 restrictive covenant being registered on title to ensure protection of the adjacent Blue Heron rookery” during construction on the subject property; and advises the public that the applicant has requested that the Council waive the rezoning application condition of the Section 219 restrictive covenant.

The rezoning application was initially considered by Council in June of 2019. This application included a report from the applicant’s Qualified Environmental Professional. It outlined recommendations for addressing concerns regarding the Heronry. On June 10, 2019 Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support the application (ZON00297) to rezone Lot A Section 11 Township 8 ODYD Plan 20774 (5000 20th Street) from A3 – Rural-Small Holdings to RH1 – Low-Rise Apartment Residential;

AND FURTHER, that Council’s support of ZON00297 be subject to the following:

- a) That a Land Title Act Section 219 restrictive covenant be registered on title to ensure protection of the adjacent Blue Heron rookery during construction on the subject property;*
- b) That the applicant be required to clear and grub on the west side of 20th Street north of their property, adjacent to 5104 20th Street.*

AND FURTHER, that Council support adding the curb, gutter and sidewalk segment adjacent to 5104 20th Street to the City’s annual infill sidewalk projects to be built in the short-term (within 5 years).

Following third reading of the bylaw, the applicant requested the covenant to be removed. An updated report from the applicant's Qualified Environmental Professional was prepared in January 2020.

Council initially considered the request to remove the covenant at its Regular Meeting of May 11, 2020 and passed the following resolution:

THAT Council receive for information the report titled "Request to Waive Rezoning Application Condition for 5000 20th Street (ZON00297)" dated April 28, 2020 from the Environmental Planning Assistant;

AND FURTHER, that Council receive for information the letter from M. Wettleland and B. Scott of Scotland Constructors, dated May 4, 2020 re: Request to Waive Rezoning Application Condition for 5000 20th Street (ZON00297).

Consideration of this was brought back to the June 8, 2020 meeting at the request of Council.

A second Public Hearing has been scheduled for **September 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Vernon Recreation Centre Auditorium, 3310 – 37th Avenue.

Below are links to the reports provided to Council in regards to this rezoning application for 5000 20th Street, as well as maps indicating the subject property.

- [June 10, 2019 Regular Meeting - Report to Council](#) (dated May 29, 2019)
- [May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting - Report to Council](#) (dated April 28, 2020)
- [June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting - Report to Council](#) (dated May 27, 2020)
- [June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting - Internal Memorandum](#) (dated June 10, 2020)

