Town of Mundare

Public Hearing Minutes September 11, 2018

Present Mayor Mike Saric, Councillors, J. Burghardt, C. Calinoiu, J. Kowal, I. Talaga

Staff CAO Colin Zyla, Development Officer Laraine Stuart

Call to Order Mayor Saric called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Saric opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Reason for Public Hearing

The purpose of the hearing is for the Council to hear comments and take action relating to proposed changes to the Town of Mundare Land Use Bylaw-namely amending the C3 district to allow alcohol retail sales

Presentations

Development Officer Laraine Stuart spoke first.

-c3 district does not allow alcohol retail sales
-applicant has asked for the district to be amended to allow alcohol retail sales
-a change in the bylaw does not mean a liquor store can be built, they owner would still have to apply for a development permit
-the bylaw makes alcohol retail sales discretionary

The Applicant spoke second

-travelers are asking for a liquor stroe
-people with a truck and trailer find it hard to get into town
-the front door of the liquor store is 250m from the school entrance
-part of the future growth and development of the location

Members of the public spoke next

-how does the highway justify allowing a liquor store so close to a school and park

-no need for a 3rd liquor store

-like the small town feel of the Town-do not need another liquor store -they can put another business on the site

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-concerns about availability of alcohol

-no public health studies or traffic studies

Letters that were received were read by the secretary.

Mayor Saric closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Council discussion about the bylaw

-a lot of money and effort was put into rehabilitating main street
-changing the c3 district may detract from downtown
-based on presentations, it would appear that the public is against the bylaw

18/171 Kowal: that second reading be given to bylaw 891/18-amend the LUB.

Defeated

Mayor Saric adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.