

TOWN OF LUMSDEN
MINUTES OF THE ZONING BYLAW TEXT AMENDMENT CHANGE FOR PLACES OF
WORSHIP REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING
HELD ON MAY 25th, 2009

The Lumsden Town Council convened the public hearing for the Zoning Bylaw text amendment change to add a separate regulation for Places of Worship in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, on the evening of Monday, May 25th, 2008 at 9:40 p.m. with Mayor Verne Barber presiding.

Present: Mayor:	Verne Barber
Councillor:	Sid Sikorski, Al Sulma, Dan Kirby Gerry Tomkins, Wayne MacKay
Administrator:	Wayne Zerff
Asst. Administrator:	Darcie Cooper
Public Works:	Dave Cherney
Absent: Councillor:	Ron Hart

Public Hearing Attendees: Darcy Nafe, Cheryl Ashurst, Dave Hansen and Leroy Starkes

Mayor, Verne Barber announced that the public hearing is being held to make a text amendment change to the municipality's zoning bylaw 15-2002 to provide for a text change to the M-Institutional Zoning District by adding a separate sub-section 5.16.2 (b) under the regulations for Places of Worship.

There were no written submissions received.

Dave Hanson and Cheryl Ashurst attended the hearing to ask some questions regarding the proposal. They wondered if the amendment would devalue their property and they had concerns over drainage for the area. They indicated they already had drainage issues with their residence and were concerned that the addition to the Rock of the Valley church might negatively impact the drainage. They wondered if, with the expansion of the church, if parking may be an issue and had questioned whether this would be a short term solution for the Church's need for expansion.

Cheryl Ashurst had indicated that she is not opposed to the development as it is not her property.

Council had indicated that they can't comment as to the property valuation. They had indicated that drainage solutions should be able to be looked after by the public works department and there was discussion surrounding the adding of a basement to the Rock of the Valley and the opportunity to provide for proper sloping for drainage. Council indicated that there is a parking issue at many locations all over town and fortunately events at the church take place when school is out. Council indicated as well that the building could not be sold for residential and/or commercial use without going through rezoning and a public meeting is a required part of the process.

Adjournment:

Tomkins/Sulma: "That we adjourn this meeting at 9:52 p.m."

CARRIED



Mayor



Administrator