REQUEST FOR DECISION



Brew Creek Centre – Zoning Amendment Application

Meeting Date: April 14/28, 2014

To: SLRD Electoral Area Directors committee / SLRD Board

Applicant: Drew Rose (Agent) & Barclay Isherwood (Owner)

Location: SLRD Electoral Area D – Brew Creek

Legal Descriptions:

PID 006-050-301 (DL 6902, Group 1, NWD)

OCP Designation:

Commercial – Brew Creek Retreat Electoral Area D OCP Bylaw No. 1135-2013 Zoning:

Tourist Retreat I Zoning Bylaw No. 20, 1970 **ALR Status:**

N/A

Development Permit

Areas:

Wildfire Protection Garibaldi Sensitive Ecosystems

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the SLRD Board direct staff to prepare an amendment bylaw to SLRD Zoning Bylaw No. 20, 1970 with respect to the Brew Creek Centre zoning amendment application.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

The Brew Creek Centre is looking to offer more sleeping space for guests as they have an expanding clientele that is increasing the demand for more accommodation. The SLRD received an application for a rezoning regarding the Brew Creek Centre property as shown in Appendix 1. The amendment application requests zoning to allow an increase in allowable guest beds from the current 32 to a maximum of 50. The existing Tourist Retreat I zone does mention a maximum of 50 guest beds, however, the density calculation used in that zone (2.5 beds per acre) yields a maximum of 32 beds based on the size of the Brew Creek property. SLRD staff are requesting support from the Board in order to proceed with the development of amendment bylaws.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

Electoral Area D OCP Bylaw No. 1135-2013 Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 20, 1970

BACKGROUND:

Staff have not yet drafted any bylaw amendments for this application. It is being brought to the Board for review to determine if there is support for the zoning amendment that will remove the density calculation so that the allowable guest beds can achieve the maximum of 50 at Brew Creek Centre.

ANALYSIS:

The applicant has stated that they are satisfied with the bulk of the provisions in the current Tourist Retreat I zone and are not looking to change any permitted uses. Since the TR-I zone does not apply to any other properties under Zoning Bylaw No. 20, 1970, the zone can be modified to suit the Brew Crew Centre without creating a new zone. There are currently 24 guest beds offered on site and with the proposed zoning change, 26 new guest beds would be added for a maximum of 50.

Zoning

Existing density regulations in section 2.7.23 of Zoning Bylaw No. 20, 1970:

 Pension or pensions – the maximum permitted density is 2.5 guest beds per acres to a maximum of 50 beds plus staff accommodation of 1 dwelling unit per 10 beds.

As noted, the permitted density calculation needs to be amended. The rezoning would alter that specific provision such that the Tourist Retreat I zone would be modified as follows:

 Pension or pensions – the maximum permitted density is 50 guest beds plus staff accommodation of 1 dwelling unit per 10 beds.

Development Permit Areas

In the new Electoral Area D Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1135-2013, there are two development permit areas that apply to the site.

Wildfire Development Permits (DPs) will be required for new buildings, and the guidelines are outlined in the Area D OCP Bylaw No. 1135-2013.

Garibaldi Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permits would be required for any new buildings or structures or development activities according to the guidelines in Section 7.4 of the Electoral Area D OCP Bylaw No. 1135-2013.

No Form & Character DP is being requested. However, the applicant has been advised to consider snow management in their building design.

Fire truck access and turnaround

The applicant was requested to provide proof that based on fire truck sizes and turning radii there will be sufficient space for ingress and egress. The applicant has provided confirmation that the fire truck access route design is in compliance with the BC Building Code. The proponent has been in communication with Ed Jones, the Garibaldi Fire Chief, and Joe Mooney, the Pinecrest/Black Tusk Village volunteer fire fighter (and RMOW Chief Building Inspector) regarding this.

Voluntary Amenity Contribution

It has been suggested by the SLRD that the applicant might consider a voluntary community amenity in the form of a monetary contribution to the Garibaldi Fire Department.

Parking

Current and expanded parking areas are indicated on the site plans included in Appendix 2. The guest parking has been relocated to the central area of the site with small pockets of existing parking distributed around the property. There are currently 37 parking spots available with 25 to be added for the new building, bringing the total to 62, which can be accommodated by the site.

Environmental

There is a Streamside Protection & Enhancement Area (SPEA) that has been previously defined by earlier assessment reports. The proposed new building and parking area is outside the SPEA and will not trigger a RAR Development Permit. Flood Construction Levels (FCL) will be established by the proponent through geotechnical analysis to address any potential flooding issues.

Building, servicing, and other issues

The proposed building will utilize some of the architectural forms and materials that have been previously employed in other buildings on the site to both maintain and continue the overall character. Such elements include metal roofing, deep roof overhangs, cedar shingle and board and batten siding along with black fiberglass-frame windows. Building floor plans and elevations are included in Appendix 3. The new building proposes to incorporate a soy-based spray foam insulation that provides a level of protection exceeding BC building code requirements. The windows are proposed to be triple glazed, exterior wall studs would be staggered to limit thermal bridging, and domestic hot water is proposed to be pre-heated with solar thermal panels on the roof.

There is also proposed to be an air-to-water heat exchanger incorporated into the heating system for the building. The entire wastewater treatment system at the Brew Creek Centre has been replaced. A new system was designed and includes several passive wastewater treatment plants using peat filtration systems. A new water well was also established on the site in 2003, and water is treated centrally and the adequacy of the water supply for current and proposed needs has been confirmed.

OPTIONS:

Option 1

Direct SLRD Staff to draft a zoning amendment bylaw.

Option 2

Refer the application back to staff for more information, or revision.

Option 3

Reject the application.

PREFERRED OPTION: Option 1

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

As per Board direction.

CONCLUSION:

SLRD staff view this proposed zoning amendment as relatively minor given that the existing zoning of the property already indicates a maximum of 50 guest beds, thereby supporting the proposed increase. It is the density calculation provision that needs to be altered or removed to allow the Brew Creek Centre property to achieve that maximum figure. SLRD staff are supportive of the application and the opportunity to amend the zoning to facilitate an expansion of the guest beds to the requested maximum of 50.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1: Site Location Map

Appendix 2: Site Plans

Appendix 3: Building & Elevation Plans

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