

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAW 1771-2008 OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, THOMPSON, MANITOBA ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008

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Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Sawh  
Councillor Kolada  
Councillor Lafreniere  
Councillor Locker  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Wilson  
Councillor Young (regrets)  
Randy Patrick, City Manager  
Gary Ceppetelli, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kate Cruickshank, Community Planning Service

Mayor Johnston reviewed the public notice that was advertised in the Citizen on November 26, 2008 and December 3, 2008 under the authority of the Planning Act.

**A MEMORANDUM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

A memo was received from the Director of Planning/Community Development, Gary Ceppetelli regarding Zoning Bylaw Amendments No. 1771-2008 (Downtown Rezoning). The amendment will rezone the "C3" General Commercial area in the downtown to "C2" Central Commercial. The amendment will have a number of text changes that will revise some definitions and allowable uses in both the "C2" and "C3" zones.

The main purpose of the amendment is to enable council to control future development in the downtown area that will best reflect the needs of the community by restricting certain uses that would be more suitably accommodated in a Highway Commercial or Light Industrial zone.

A number of telephone calls regarding the impact of the zoning amendment on specific properties and one written and one verbal objection have been received up to this point. Since a rejection has been received, Council can only give second reading to the bylaw.

**A MEMORANDUM FROM THE COMMUNITY PLANNING SERVICE**

A memo was received from Kate Cruickshank, Community Planner regarding the City of Thompson Zoning Bylaw Amendments No. 1771-2008.

Thompson Community Planning Services Branch has no concerns with the proposed zoning bylaw amendment. The amendments appear to be consistent with the Development Plan and will support development that is consistent with the surrounding area.

**RECEIVING OF PRESENTATION IN FAVOR OF OPPOSED**

Mayor Johnston read into record a letter opposing the proposed rezoning from "C3" to "C2" received from Alain J. Huberdeau representing Reichert Holdings Ltd.

United Rentals Reps spoke in opposition of the proposed zoning bylaw amendments No. 1771-2008 (Downtown Rezoning). Some issues are:

- o There will be restrictions on their property
- o They have invested a lot in this property
- o They have expanded on this operation
- o Funds have been committed to a new building
- o Asking council to reconsider or exempt their property from the rezoning

Dayton Barenz spoke in opposition of the proposed zoning bylaw amendments No. 1771-2008 (Downtown Rezoning).

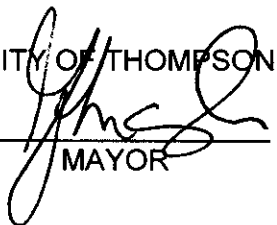
Chris Gagnon – 35 Station Road spoke in opposition of the proposed zoning bylaw amendments No. 1771-2008 (Downtown Rezoning)

Brad Evenson – spoke in opposition of the proposed zoning bylaw amendments No. 1771-2008 (Downtown Rezoning)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sawh that the Meeting adjourns at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

CITY OF THOMPSON  
PER:   
MAYOR

APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN COUNCIL THIS 18 DAY OF Jan , 2009

PER:   
CITY MANAGER