



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee **Date:** April 13, 2022
From: Claudia Jesson **File:** 12-8060-01/2022-Vol
 Director, City Clerk's Office 01
Re: **Housekeeping Request - Abandonment of Unadopted Bylaws**

Staff Recommendation

That the unadopted Zoning and OCP Amendment Bylaws, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report titled "Housekeeping Request – Abandonment of Unadopted Bylaws", dated April 19, 2021, from the Director, City Clerk's Office, be abandoned.

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CJ:jdr

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Development Applications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

Council Policy No. 5017 states that the City Clerk may bring forward to Council any Zoning or Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Bylaw, where one year or more has elapsed from the conclusion of the relevant Public Hearing, with a recommendation either to abandon the bylaw, to require another Public Hearing, or another recommendation if warranted.

The last time Council considered a report requesting the abandonment of unadopted bylaws was May 25, 2021. As a housekeeping matter to clean up the files, this report presents three unadopted bylaws for abandonment where the associated land use application has either been withdrawn at the applicant's request or closed by City staff due to inactivity.

Not included in the proposed list are bylaws for which more than one year has passed since a Public Hearing, and the applicant is continuing to take active steps to addressing the rezoning considerations. Staff do not recommend abandoning such bylaws at this time.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #8 An Engaged and Informed Community:

Ensure that the citizenry of Richmond is well-informed and engaged about City business and decision-making.

Analysis

Upon reviewing the OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments which have been to a Public Hearing but have not yet been adopted, planning staff identified a number of applications that have had little or no subsequent activity. In some instances, applications have been closed due to inactivity, or withdrawn voluntarily by the applicant.

A letter was provided to applicants where there was no activity on a rezoning application, to request that staff be advised of their intentions with respect to the outstanding bylaw. The results of this survey indicate that applicants expressed no objection to their respective bylaw being abandoned, or the applicant specifically does not wish to proceed with their application.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Attachment 1 identifies three unadopted OCP and Zoning Amendment Bylaw amendments that are no longer applicable because either the related application has been withdrawn, the applicant does not wish to proceed, or the applicant has not made contact with staff for the purpose of proceeding with the requirements of the application. Staff therefore recommend that the noted unadopted bylaws identified in Attachment 1 be abandoned.



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MH: jdr

Attachment

Att. 1: List of Bylaws to be Abandoned

Attachment 1**List of Bylaws to Be Abandoned - 2022**

<u>Bylaw No</u>	<u>File No</u>	<u>Bylaw Title</u>	<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Public Hearing Date</u>	<u>Status of Other Development</u>	<u>Reason for Action Taken</u>	<u>Bylaw Action Recommendation</u>
9784	16-738953	RZ – 7320, 7340 and 7360 Ash Street	Jan 15/18	Feb 19/18		Withdrawn by applicant	This bylaw should be abandoned
9510	14-678448	RZ – 6840, 6860 No 3 Rd and 8051 Anderson Rd	Jan 23/17	Feb 20/17		Withdrawn by applicant	This bylaw should be abandoned
7992	05-301611	RZ – 11001, 11011 Shell Road and 10700 Steveston Highway	July 27/09	Sept 9/09		Closed due to inactivity	This bylaw should be abandoned