



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee **Date:** February 20, 2024
From: Claudia Jesson **File:** 08-4105-20-AMANDA
 Director, City Clerk's Office #/2024-Vol 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 February 20, 2024, from the Director, City Clerk's Office, be abandoned.

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Att. 1

| REPORT CONCURRENCE | | |
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| ROUTED TO: | CONCURRENCE | CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER |
| Development Applications Policy Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 April 24, 2023. As a housekeeping matter to clean up the files, staff have reviewed unadopted bylaws and their associated land use applications to identify those projects that have either been withdrawn at the applicant’s request or closed by City staff due to inactivity. Based on this review, this report presents three unadopted bylaws for abandonment.

Not included in this report 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 2022-2026 Focus Area #4 Responsible Financial Management and Governance:

Responsible financial management and efficient use of public resources to meet the needs of the community.

4.2 Seek improvements and efficiencies in all aspects of City business.

Analysis

Upon reviewing the OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments which have been to a Public Hearing but have not yet been adopted, Planning staff have identified two applications that have been withdrawn by the respective applicants following the Public Hearing and the files have been closed. One application also had an associated OCP amendment bylaw which staff also recommend to be abandoned at this time. A table listing these bylaws and their relevant details is provided in Attachment 1.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Attachment 1 identifies two unadopted Zoning Amendment Bylaws and an associated OCP Amendment Bylaw that are no longer applicable because the proponents for the related application have chosen to withdraw their application and the application has been formally closed. Staff therefore recommend that the noted unadopted bylaws identified in Attachment 1 be abandoned.

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Att. 1: List of Bylaws to be Abandoned

List of Bylaws to Be Abandoned - 2024

| <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> |
|-----------------|----------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 9891 | RZ 16-745849 | RZ – 6031 Blundell | Feb 25/19 | Mar 18/19 | | Withdrawn by applicant | This bylaw should be abandoned |
| 10390 | RZ 18-836107 | OCP – 3360, 3380 and a portion of 3440 Sexsmith Road | Nov 14/22 | Dec 19/22 | Associated rezoning application has been withdrawn | Withdrawn by applicant | This bylaw should be abandoned |
| 10389 | RZ 18-836107 | RZ - 3360, 3380 and a portion of 3440 Sexsmith Road | Nov 14/22 | Dec 19/22 | | Withdrawn by applicant | This bylaw should be abandoned |