

## 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 9, 2022. As a housekeeping matter to clean up the files, staff have reviewed unadopted bylaws and their associated land use applications to identify those projects which have either been withdrawn at the applicant's request or closed by City staff due to inactivity. Based on this review, this report presents two (2) 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 one application that has had little or no subsequent activity since the Public Hearing. This application also had an associated road closure bylaw for which staff also recommend to be abandoned at this time. A table listing these bylaws and their relevant details is provided in Attachment 1.

A letter was provided to the applicant identifying that there had been no activity and to request that staff be advised of their intentions with respect to the outstanding bylaw. The results of this survey indicate that applicant did not respond to staff's request and expressed no objection to their respective bylaw being abandoned. The related development application has since been closed.

### Financial Impact

None.

**Conclusion**

Attachment 1 identifies one unadopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw and an associated Road Closure Bylaw that are no longer applicable because the proponents for the related application have not made contact with staff for the purpose of proceeding with the requirements of the application and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 - 2023**

<b><u>Bylaw No</u></b>	<b><u>File No</u></b>	<b><u>Bylaw Title</u></b>	<b><u>First Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Public Hearing Date</u></b>	<b><u>Status of Other Development</u></b>	<b><u>Reason for Action Taken</u></b>	<b><u>Bylaw Action Recommendation</u></b>
<b>9815</b>	RZ 15-704980	RZ – 8871, 8891, 8911, 8931, 8951, 8971, and 8960 Douglas Street	Jan 15/18	Feb 19/18		Closed due to inactivity	This bylaw should be abandoned
<b>9738</b>	RZ 15-704980	Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw	Jan 15/18 (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading)	N/A	Associated rezoning application closed due to inactivity	Associated rezoning application closed due to inactivity	This bylaw should be abandoned