

The Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 16th, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Present: Acting Mayor Latour, Councillors Kruger, Cassidy, Wallington, Langille, O'Brien and Dueck.

Staff: Michael Richardson – Interim Senior Administrative Officer, and Director of Public Works and Planning, May-Britt Hetesi – Assistant Senior Administrative Officer, John Holland – Director of Finance, Ross Potter – Fire Chief, Ross deBoer – Director of Recreation and Community Services and Jaimi Carter – Recording Secretary.

Absent: Mayor Schofield, and Deputy Mayor Maher.

Others: Sandra Lester, Lisa Smith, Roger Candow, Bill Webster & Bruce Carscadden – PERC, Linda Antony, Samantha Antony, Kathleen Groenewegen, Eddie Smith, Bonnie Webb, Ross Stanley, Kristen Campbell – The Hub, and Paul Bickford – News North.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

This Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Acting Mayor Latour presiding.

Acting Mayor Latour stated that the purpose of the hearing is to hear your views, and opinions regarding the proposed General Plan By-law, which will amend the Town of Hay River General Plan By-law 2214 by changing current land uses including, but not limited to:

Lot 1714, Plan 2701 to Institutional, Residential,
Lot 1021, Plan 830 to Institutional, Residential,
Lot 1878, Plan 3985 to Institutional, Residential,
Lot 9, Block H to Residential, Park,
Lot 1 and Lot 1-1, Block Z to Residential, Park,
Portion of Lot 1493, Plan 2010 to Urban Reserve, Institutional, and
Sketch Plan 080, and 047 to Transportation, Park.

2. Proposed By-law No. 2214/P&D/10 – Proposed General Plan By-law

Oral submissions;

Linda Antony, Vale Island Resident voiced that she is opposed to the proposed land use of Lot 9, Block H, "Residential" and wishes it to remain zoned as "Park".

Samantha Antony, Vale Island Resident supported Linda Antony's position that Lot 9, Block H remain zoned as "Park".

Roger Candow, Paradise Gardens Resident made a suggestion regarding the General Plan By-law that subdividing Lots in Paradise Gardens be reviewed by Council to eliminate restrictions.

Written submissions;


A written submission by Deborah Langille was read by Acting Mayor Latour.
(Please see attached submission at the back of the minutes)

Acting Mayor Latour noted that submissions will be discussed by Council in June, and if there are any questions and/or concerns to contact the Mayor or Councillors.


3. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Mayor Latour announced that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Certified Correct as Recorded on the 16th day of May 2011.



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May 13, 2011

Michael Richardson
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Dear Mr. Richardson,

Please consider this written submission regarding the proposed General Plan Bylaw 2214.

I would like to request that consideration be given to the development and utilization of the region of Park space located in the area known as Westview. Please see highlighted region on attached Legal Land Map. Currently the area is completely undeveloped and is being used exclusively by ATVs as it is unfit for any other use at this time. The Park region is located in the rear of a large community of families with small children and there are no Park facilities available nearby despite the areas continued growth. I have spoken with numerous residents of the area and all have expressed their desire for a region to be created that would benefit all the members of the community from the senior citizens to the many small children.

The Park as it stands is boggy and impassable in many areas. I would like to propose the use of fill to raise the ground level above the water table without the removal of the trees which the community has stated they want kept.

This will allow the Park to be used for many different activities such as (but not limited to):

- The creation of walking trails
- The creation of a playground including swings, slides etc. for the children
- The creation of soccer / basketball facilities

and / or

- The creation of a Hockey Rink

I would like to mention that according to the proposed General Plan Bylaw 2214, Section 4.6 Parks and Open Space, # 1 States that "Land use and development decisions shall promote, whenever possible, the preservation of public parks and open space maintained by the municipality." I would like to see this Park area developed so that it's role as a public park area can be ensured under this section for many years to come and not risk having it rezoned in the future. This is a new and young community that needs to protect and develop the green spaces here.



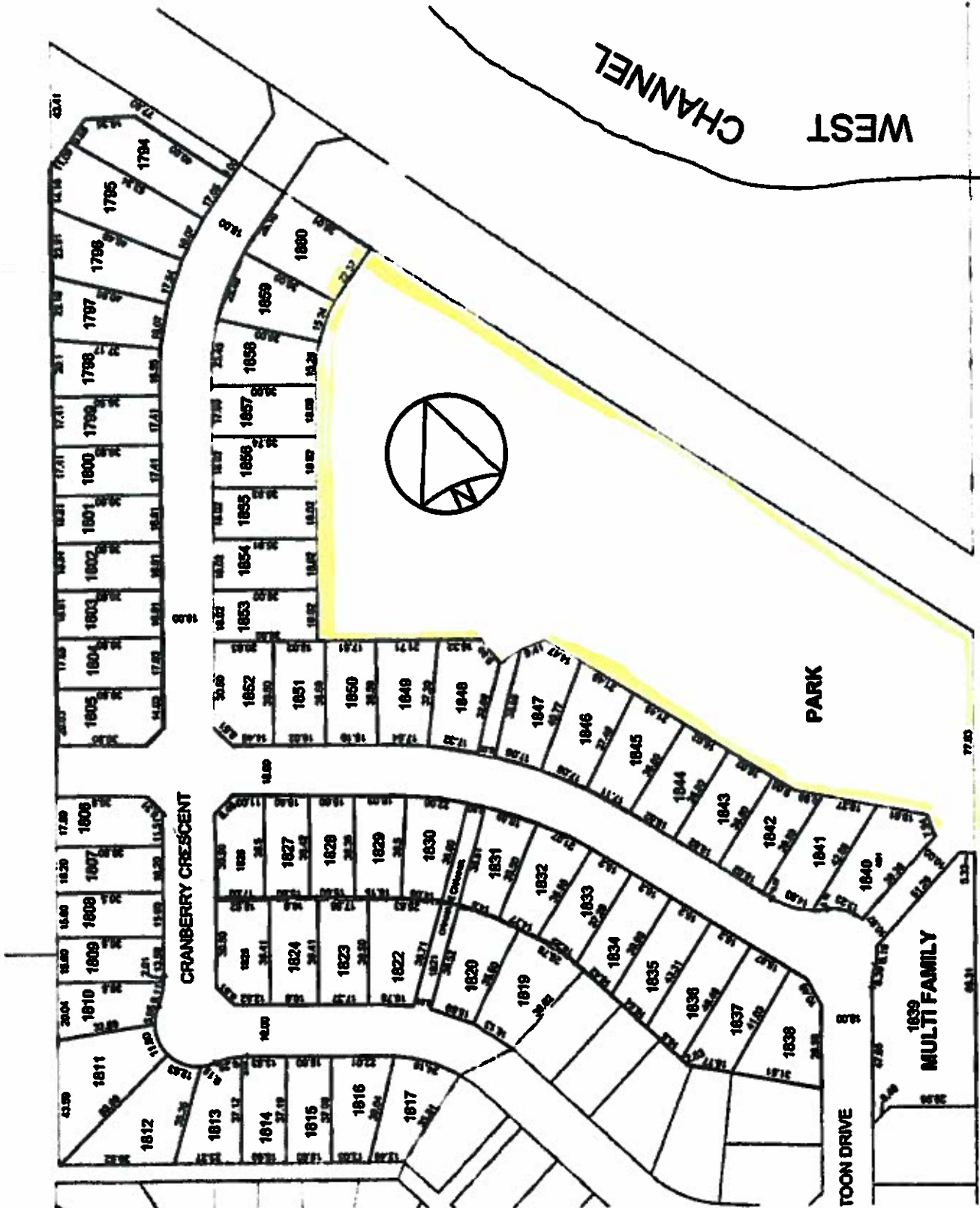
Lastly I would like to request that the area in question be deemed a 'playground zone' and as such be entitled to all the consideration given these areas. Virtually every house in the area has at least one small child in it and currently there is grave concern over the safety of the children in the area with respect to speeders. If the area was made into a playground the vehicles would be required to slow down or face heavy penalties.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Langille





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