REPORT of the **Public Hearing** held in the Council Chamber of the District Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Avenue, North Vancouver B.C. on Tuesday, June 15, 1999 commencing at 7:10 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor:** Don Bell  
**Councillors:** Trevor Carolan, Ernie Crist, Glenys Deering-Robb,  
Janice Harris, Pat Munroe (at 7:12 p.m.)  
**Staff:** Mr. I. Torry, Manager – Community Planning Department  
Mr. D. Allan, Senior Development Planner  
Mr. R. Brennan, Community Planner  
Ms A. Dmitrasinovic, Community Planner  
Ms A. Hilsen, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Ms B. Audette, Committee Clerk

**BYLAW 7085  “Rezoning Bylaw 1113”**

**Applicant:** School District No. 44 (Handsworth Secondary School)  
**Subject Land:** 1044 Edgewood Road  
Lot A, Blocks 8-10, District Lot 596, Group 1, NWD, Plan 15603  
**Proposed Amendment:** To rezone the subject land from Public Assembly (PA) to Public Assembly 2 (PA2)  
**Purpose:** To allow for an increase in the number of classrooms.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk advised that the statutory notification and advertising requirements had been met.

Councillor Munroe joined the meeting at this point.

Mr. Brennan advised that the proposed rezoning application would allow for the construction of a two-storey addition to Handsworth Secondary School to replace 6 existing portable classrooms with new permanent classrooms. The expansion would include a new library, updated science laboratories, improved accessibility for disabled people and increased on-site parking. Issues raised at a public information meeting held on April 29, 1999 have been addressed by the School District.

The Advisory Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Bylaw on April 21, 1999 and supported rezoning of the property. The Commission also recommended that Council use this opportunity to explore joint community use of the school facilities.

The Advisory Design Panel reviewed the application on April 8, 1999 and recommended approval of the project as presented.
A public meeting was held on April 29, 1999 with approximately 15 residents in attendance. The main issues identified were timing of construction; noise and working hours; and the potential to accommodate future population growth with the proposed plan.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk advised that all correspondence received prior to the close of the Hearing will be circulated to Council and will form part of the Public Hearing record.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. **John LEWIS**
   
   700 Block Chesterfield Avenue
   
   - Representing School District No. 44 as Director of Facilities and Planning
   - School District No. 44 has approximately $18 million in capital projects in progress including Braemar, Montroyal, Upper Lynn, Sherwood Park and Capilano Elementary Schools as well as Handsworth and Argyle Secondary Schools
   - The proposed rezoning Bylaws would allow improvements to the learning environment at four schools and benefit approximately 3,600 students
   - The primary focus of the school expansions is the removal of 21 portable classrooms
   - The rate for funding of capital projects has declined since the early 1990’s while construction costs have increased
   - The proposed redevelopment projects have been designed to achieve increased community use of school facilities and improved access for people with disabilities

2. **Phil TURIN**
   
   700 Block Chesterfield Avenue
   
   - Representing School District No. 44 as the Secretary Treasurer
   - The proposed capital projects represents the largest capital undertaking for School District No. 44 in ten years
   - The school expansions would meet the needs of students by providing additional classroom space and replacing existing portable classrooms

   In response to a question from Councillor Crist, Mr. Lewis explained that the reduction in funding for capital projects has affected all School Districts in the province.

3. **Doug MAC KAY-DUNN**
   
   700 Block Chesterfield Avenue
   
   - Representing School District No. 44 as Chairman of the School Board
   - The project has full support of the School Board, the District Parent Advisory Council and Handsworth Secondary School Parent Advisory Council
   - School District No. 44 requires significant improvements to the plant and the community has waited for a long time for the projects to be approved
   - Urged Council to support the rezoning Bylaw

4. **Burns MC LELLAN**
   
   1000 Block Edgewood Road
   
   - Long time resident with his family including two children who are students at Handsworth Secondary
   - Expressed support for the rezoning Bylaw and for the proposed increase in on-site parking
• Supports the proposed expansion at the school regardless of construction noise

5. **Trish MUIRHEAD**
   **IN FAVOUR**
   3400 Block Emerald Drive

   • Chairperson representing Handsworth Secondary Parent Advisory Council
   • Handsworth is presently significantly overcrowded and the renovations are necessary to provide adequate classroom space for the students
   • The Parent Advisory Council strongly supports the proposed rezoning and expansion

6. **Jim MITCHELL**
   **IN FAVOUR**
   4100 Block Lions Avenue

   • Fully supports the proposed rezoning and addition to the school
   • Noted that this process has been ongoing since 1995 and asked Council to support and expedite the rezoning
   • Submitted a Chronology of Events for the Handsworth Construction/Renovation Project

7. **Cathy ADAMS**
   **IN FAVOUR**
   2000 Block McLallen Court

   • Parent of former, present and future students of Handsworth Secondary School
   • Urged Council to support the rezoning and addition to the school

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**DISPOSITION:**

MOVED by Councillor MUNROE, Seconded by Councillor CAROLAN and CARRIED
THAT Bylaw 7085 be returned to a regular meeting of Council for further consideration.

Mayor BELL declared the Public Hearing in respect of Bylaw 7085 CLOSED at 7:31 p.m.

Certified correct:

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Committee Clerk