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 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Don Bell

Councillors: Trevor Carolan, Ernie Crist, Glenys Deering-Robb, Janice Harris, Pat Munroe

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 7086 “Rezoning Bylaw 1114”

Applicant: School District No. 44 (Sherwood Park Elementary School)

Subject Land: 4085 Dollar Road
Lot 1, Block C, District Lots 551 and 230, Group 1, NWD, Plan 11466

Proposed Amendment: To rezone the subject land from Public Assembly (PA) to Public Assembly 2 (PA2) and establish a siting area for the building.

Purpose: To allow for an increase in the number of classrooms and to regulate the location of the building on the site.

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

The Senior Development Planner advised that the proposed Bylaw would allow an expansion of the school with construction of a two-storey addition at the south end of the existing building to replace 7 portable classrooms currently on the site. The addition would encompass ten new classrooms as well as a new music/multi-purpose room, atrium and improved access for the disabled. The parking lot will be reconfigured with an increase in the number of parking spaces and a new hard-surface playing court will be created.

The Advisory Design Panel reviewed the proposal on April 8, 1999 and expressed support for the concept but recommended that staff work with the School District to resolve concerns regarding exterior materials.

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.

A public information meeting was held on April 28, 1999 with approximately 25 residents in attendance. The main concerns related to construction hours and noise; the ability of the proposed addition to accommodate future growth in student population; and student safety during construction.
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 IN FAVOUR**
   
   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, Monroyal, 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
   - The School District considered alternate plans in an effort to maximize community use of facilities however the proposed addition was restricted by funding constraints
   - The existing multi-purpose room is below the gym and, therefore, unsuitable for music classes
   - French immersion programs at Sherwood Park and Dorothy Lynas Elementary Schools allows the School District to moderate student population between the schools and reduces overcrowding. In the past two years, Sherwood Park has enrolled one new french immersion class while Dorothy Lynas has enrolled two new classes
   - Asked Council to support the proposed Bylaw

2. **Phil TURIN IN FAVOUR**
   
   700 Block Chesterfield Avenue

   - Representing School District No. 44 as the Secretary Treasurer
   - The proposed project meets the needs of students by providing an appropriate learning environment and eliminating existing portable classrooms

In response to a question from Councillor Crist, Mr. Turin advised that all School Districts are required to submit a five-year capital plan to the Ministry of Education each year. He explained that the Ministry ranks capital projects in order of priority and allocates funding accordingly.

3. **Doug MAC KAY-DUNN IN FAVOUR**
   
   700 Block Chesterfield Avenue

   - Representing School District No. 44 as Chairman of the School Board
   - The School Board, District Parent Advisory Council and Sherwood Park Elementary School Parent Advisory Council fully support the proposed application

4. **Joan VARLEY IN FAVOUR**
   
   4000 Block Dollar Road

   - Principal of Sherwood Park Elementary speaking on behalf of staff, students and parents of the school
• The portable classrooms at the school are in very poor condition and require a lot of maintenance
• The proposed addition will enhance the learning environment at the school
• Hopes to have the addition completed for the start of the school year in September 2000

5. Sean ADDIE
3700 Block Dollarton Highway

• Grade 7 student at Sherwood Park Elementary and was one of two student representatives on the design committee
• Supports the Bylaw amendments
• The proposal includes a multi-purpose room that would be suitable for music classes and would result in an improvement to air quality
• There is a strong need for additional classroom space

6. Tim RHODES
4100 Block Glenhaven Crescent

• Parent representative on the design committee and fully supports the proposal
• The new parking configuration will result in safer access for students
• His grade one son supports the removal of the portable classrooms

7. John ADDIE
3700 Block Dollarton Highway

• His two children, Sean in grade 7 and an older son, Scott, have attended Sherwood Park and have been taught in portable classrooms
• Although his children will not benefit from the addition to this school, it is important to complete this project for existing and future students
• Expressed concern about traffic control and student safety during the construction phase
• Sherwood School is on a narrow cul-de-sac two blocks from busy Dollarton Highway
• It is essential to develop a traffic management plan that will ensure the safety of students, parents and staff during construction
• Fully supports the proposed Bylaw which will benefit the neighbourhood, school and students

DISPOSITION:

MOVED by Councillor HARRIS, Seconded by Councillor DEERING-ROBB and CARRIED THAT Bylaw 7086 be returned to a regular meeting of Council for further consideration.

Mayor BELL declared the Public Hearing in respect of Bylaw 7086 CLOSED at 7:50 p.m.

Certified correct:

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Committee Clerk