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 8:49 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. R. Brennan, Community Planner
      Ms A. Hilsen, Deputy Municipal Clerk
      Ms B. Audette, Committee Clerk

BYLAW 7088 “Rezoning Bylaw 1116”

Applicant: School District No. 44 (Capilano Elementary School)

Subject Land: 1230 West 20 Street
    Block 16, Explanatory Plan 5360, District Lot 552, Group 1, NWD, Plan 4672

Proposed Amendment: To rezone the subject land from Public Assembly (PA) to Public Assembly 2 (PA2) and amend the 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 Community Planner advised that the proposed rezoning Bylaw would allow the construction of an addition to provide seven new classrooms, a new library, a multi-purpose room and atrium. On-site parking would be increased from 28 to 30 spaces and two existing portable classrooms would be removed.

Approximately 21 residents attended a public information meeting at the school on April 27, 1999. Issues were identified relating to the location of the proposed parking lot and the number of spaces required. Safety of the children during construction was also identified as a concern.

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 proposal on April 8 and again May 13, 1999. The ADP recommended approval of the project subject to resolution of outstanding concerns to the satisfaction of staff.
In response to a question from Councillor Carolan, the Community Planner clarified that the Advisory Design Panel had identified concerns regarding the canopy and entry elements of the school and noted that staff support the amendments to the design. He also explained that the parking lot would be split with a pedestrian walkway between the two lots and access from 20th and 21st Streets.

In response to a question from Councillor Carolan, Mr. Lewis confirmed that the School District supports the proposed plan as presented.

In response to a question from Councillor Crist, the Manager – Community Planning Department explained that the School District has attempted to maximize on-site parking to alleviate traffic and parking concerns. He advised that a traffic review is being conducted in Pemberton Heights and suggested that parking restrictions could be implemented during school hours if necessary.

In response to a question from Mayor Bell, the Community Planner confirmed that the split parking lot would improve the flow of drop-off and pick-up traffic around the school.

In response to a question from Councillor Deering-Robb, the Community Planner confirmed that the Engineering Department had reviewed the proposal. Councillor Deering-Robb requested that staff provide written confirmation that the configuration of the parking lot meets the approval of the Engineering Department.

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.

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**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
   - The steep topography on the west side of the school property restricts the siting of parking and playground facilities
   - The addition to the school will replace an existing primary playground structure as well as existing parking
   - It is important to replace the primary play structure in an area with proximity to the school for safety and security of the young students
   - The separation between the proposed parking areas is essential to ensure safe pedestrian access to playing fields on the east side of the school site
   - The District Traffic and Safety Committee including representatives from the District Engineering Department, ICBC, the School Board and the RCMP regularly review school safety issues
• The proposed drop-off and pick-up areas have been developed in conjunction with ICBC and the RCMP
• The existing playing fields are not regulation size fields and are used for recreational programs for children 5-9 years of age
• The multi-purpose room at the front of the school will have independent access with washroom and kitchen facilities allowing opportunities for joint community use

2. Phil TURIN IN FAVOUR
700 Block Chesterfield Avenue

• Representing School District No. 44 as the Secretary Treasurer
• Fully supports the proposed Bylaw

In response to a question from Mayor Bell, Mr. Lewis explained that the intermediate adventure playground is located on the west side of the school, however, this area is unsuitable for a primary playground structure as it is too far from the school.

In response to a question from Mayor Bell, the Manager – Community Planning Department advised that the proposal for 30 parking spaces exceeds the requirement for 28 stalls.

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 Capilano Elementary School Parent Advisory Council fully support the proposed application

4. Debbie BROUGHTON IN FAVOUR
1100 Block West 21 Street

• Has two children attending Capilano Elementary and lives across the street from the school
• Was a member of the design committee
• The school is overcrowded and several sub-standard classrooms are currently in use
• The proposed plans represent the best solution given the budget restrictions
• Children have the right to a healthy and safe learning environment
• Asked Council to approve the proposed Bylaw

5. Lori CHAPMAN IN FAVOUR
1300 Block West 22 Street

• Was born and raised in Pemberton Heights and graduated from Capilano Elementary
• Her three children are students at Capilano Elementary
• Chair of the Capilano Parent Advisory Council
• Has observed an increase in the population in the community and the number of students at the school
• The proposed plans would provide a more functional school facility
• The school administrative process was fair and respected all members of the community
• Community concerns have been addressed and incorporated in the plans
• Asked Council to approve the proposed Bylaw
6. Marion SEBASTIAN  
1200 Block West 20 Street  
- Has lived across from the school for 20 years  
- Expects some school related parking on the street, however, school staff currently park on the street from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
- Supports the proposed parking lot configuration with additional staff parking  
- The reduction of on-street parking will improve visibility of students and increase safety  

7. Heather CEHAK  
1200 Block West 20 Street  
- Principal of Capilano Elementary School representing the students, staff and parents  
- There is a great need for renovations to replace portable classrooms and eliminate unsuitable classrooms  
- The proposed multi-purpose room would allow community access and provide adequate facilities to the school  
- The administration office would be moved down to the main floor increasing security and student safety  
- The split parking lot with a pedestrian walkway will improve access for students arriving at and leaving school and will also provide increased visibility for playground supervisors  

8. Cathy ADAMS  
2000 Block McLallen Court  
- Parent of former, present and future students at Capilano  
- President of the Lions Gate Neighbourhood Association  
- Supports the proposed project  
- Asked Council to support this greatly needed addition  

In response to a question from Councillor Munroe, the Manager – Community Planning Department clarified that notification regarding a public meeting would be sent to all residents within 350 meters of the subject property and also to community associations that would be directly affected.

DISPOSITION:

MOVED by Councillor MUNROE, Seconded by Councillor HARRIS and CARRIED THAT Bylaw 7088 be returned to a regular meeting of Council for further consideration.

Mayor BELL declared the Public Hearing in respect of Bylaw 7088 CLOSED at 9:30 p.m.

Certified correct:

Committee Clerk