

City Staff Report

Original signed by: City Manager Johnson

Report Date: July 19, 2022

Meeting Date: July 26, 2022

To: City Manager

From: Director of Development Services

Subject: New Floodplain Management Bylaw

Purpose

To provide a summary of the public consultation completed for the new Floodplain Management Bylaw.

Recommendation

THAT Council directs staff to conduct additional consultation and proceed back to the September 6th meeting for reporting on these activities and providing additional readings of the proposed bylaw.

Statutory Requirements

Section 524 of the Local Government Act allows for Local Governments to designate land as flood plain by bylaw. In the creation of this bylaw, a Local Government must consider the Provincial Flood Hazard Guidelines and comply with the Provincial Regulations set out in Section 138 (3)(e) of the Environmental Management Act, which includes but is not limited to, the regulation of dikes.

Council Policy

Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1187 of 1991

Background

At the June 21, 2022 Council Meeting staff introduced the newly drafted Flood Management Bylaw No. 1922 which would replace Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1187 of 1991 with significant changes to floodplain mapping, regulation exemptions, and Baker Creek floodplain specifications.

Public consultation activities were limited to:

- 1 newspaper ad in the July 6, 2022 edition of the Cariboo Observer;
- 1 media ad on June 28, 2022.

As of the writing of this report no comments from the public have been received and limited reach was obtained with the social media post. Staff recommend extending the consultation period to the September 6th Council meeting. This will allow staff the opportunity to ensure an appropriate amount of notice requesting public review is conducted.

Reference Links

2020 Floodplain Mapping which forms the schedules to the bylaw
(https://www.quesnel.ca/sites/default/files/docs/building-development/official_floodplain_mapping_figures_compressed.pdf)

Draft Floodplain Management Bylaw:

<https://quesnel.civicweb.net/FileStorage/046A2AB28B6244D78AA2D4BE629DD64D-Floodplain%20Management%20Bylaw%20No.%201922.pdf>