

BYLAW 2019-36 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Speargrass)
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – MAY 19, 2020

A Public Hearing for Bylaw 2019-36 was conducted via conference call in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199.

Participants:

Wheatland County Council:

Jason Wilson – Councillor, Division 1
Amber Link (Reeve) – Councillor, Division 2
Donna Biggar – Councillor, Division 3
Tom Ikert – Councillor, Division 4
Scott Klassen (Deputy Reeve) – Councillor, Division 5
Glenn Koester – Councillor, Division 6
Ben Armstrong – Councillor, Division 7

Wheatland County Staff:

Brian Henderson – Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Boscarol – General Manager of Community & Development Services
Michael Ziehr – General Manager of Transportation & Agriculture
Tracy Buteau – General Manager of Corporate & Financial Services
Megan Williams – Planner II
Mackenzie Soltys – Communications Specialist
Margaret Desaulniers – Recording Secretary

Public Participants	Two (2) members of the public participated in the public hearing.
9:06 am Call to Order	<u>Call to Order by the Chair</u> The Chair, Reeve Link called the Public Hearing to order at 9:06 a.m.
Intro/Notifications	Note: all public notification requirements were met in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA).
Application	A Bylaw of Wheatland County for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to update Speargrass Low Density Residential District and Speargrass Medium Residential District regarding Dwelling, Secondary Suites, RV Storage, and Fences as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’.
Presentation	<p>M. Williams, Planner II, presented the request for decision for Bylaw 2019-36; a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to update Speargrass Low Density Residential District and Speargrass Medium Density Residential District regarding Dwelling, Secondary Suites, RV Storage, and Fences. If the bylaw is approved, the proposed amendments will impact the community of Speargrass pertaining to the following: removal of Dwelling, Secondary Suites as a use; limit the length of time RVs are permitted to be stored on personal property; requirement of development permit for fencing. Staff noted that comments and correspondence received are included in the information package; no other responses were received after the report was prepared. Staff recommended that Council proceed with 2nd reading of the bylaw at this time. Staff informed that some residents are utilizing RV’s to self-quarantine or work remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore staff recommended that 3rd reading of the bylaw be withheld until such time that quarantine and self-isolation measures are no longer necessary.</p> <p>Note: the request for decision and supporting documents were provided to Council for review prior to the public hearing; a copy of the documents was included in the Council agenda package.</p>
Comments	Two Speargrass Community residents spoke in favour of the proposed changes to the land use bylaw. As information, Reeve Link clarified that this amendment would mean that Dwelling, Secondary Suites would not be permitted in the Speargrass Low Density Residential District and Speargrass Medium Density Residential District. M. Williams (Planner II) clarified that secondary suites are currently a discretionary use under section 9.19 & 9.21; the proposed changes would remove secondary suites as a use.

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9:22 am
Close

Call to Close by the Chair

The Chair, Reeve Link, closed the Public Hearing – time 9:22 a.m.

Note: these minutes are intended as a summary of the comments of the Public Hearing and not a verbatim recording of the discussion.

Chairperson – A. Link (Reeve)

Chief Administrative Officer – B. Henderson

Recording Secretary – M. Desaulniers

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