

## THE DISTRICT OF HOPE RECORD OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, August 11, 2025  
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office  
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Victor Smith  
Councillor Bonny Graham  
Councillor Pauline Newbigging  
Councillor Angela Skoglund  
Councillor Dusty Smith  
Councillor Heather Stewin

**Council Members Absent:** Councillor Scott Medlock

**Staff Present:** Kevin Dicken, Director of Operations/Deputy CAO  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Robin Beukens, Director of Community Development  
Mike Olson, Director of Finance  
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer

**Others Present:** 12 members of the Public and 1 Media

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Director of Corporate Services read the Chairperson Statement and noted that purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear input on amendments to the ***District of Hope Zoning Bylaw No. 1324, 2012***. She added that one written submission was received and included in the agenda package.

- **District of Hope Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1603, 2025:**

To amend the Zoning Bylaw to add short-term rental regulations.

The Director of Community Development provided a brief overview of the bylaw.

The Mayor called for any questions or comments from the public or members of Council.

Diane Lothian, owner of property at Kettle Valley Road and Landstrom Road, noted that short-term rentals provide visitors who do not want to stay in motels with an alternative, and that they would like to see carriage homes included in the regulations as they typically do not have full kitchens and are better suited for short-term stays.

Ruth-Ann Stewart, resident of Summer Road, noted that their property is located next to a short-term rental, and that short-term stays can be disruptive to neighbours on weekends.

Karen Bennet, resident of Summer Road, noted that they have changed their short-term rental to accept only monthly rentals as shorter stays proved to be more disruptive. She added that this has resulted in more bookings from people working locally.

Vern Peters, resident of Walnut Drive, noted that short-term rentals are a better option for families or groups travelling who need a space to stay together, and that short-term rentals do not compete directly with motels and hotels. He added that hosts can set rules for guests to follow which helps avoid disruptions to neighbours.

Ryan Smith, resident of Nelson Street, noted that they have two adjacent pieces of property, with one only being large enough to contain a very small home and only suitable for short-term rental. His concern is that, under the proposed regulations, he would no longer be able to use the home as a short-term rental as they do not live on the second property. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the home on the second property could still be used as a short-term rental under the proposed regulations.

Council inquired as to whether an owner must be on-site at all times for whole-home rentals. The Director of Community Development advised that owners only need to be on-site for rented rooms, such as those in a Bed and Breakfast.

The Mayor called a second time for any questions or comments.

Diane Lothian, owner of property at Kettle Valley Road and Landstrom Road, noted that there is a need for more short-term rentals in the District that provide a different experience from the motels that are available. She added that from her experience as a realtor, there are a lot of rental properties available in the community.

A member of the public inquired as to who they should contact in situations where occupants of a short-term rental are being disruptive to neighbours. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the RCMP have the ability to enforce noise regulations, and they can be contacted after-hours to deal with disturbances.

Eva Szamoskozi, resident of Old Yale Road, noted that they prefer short-term rentals over long-term tenants as they have had issues in the past.

The Director of Corporate Services called a final time for any questions or comments from the public; hearing none, it was noted that no further submissions, either verbal or written, regarding the proposed bylaw can be made to Council. The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:21 p.m.

Certified Correct:

*Original Signed by Donna Bellingham*

**Donna Bellingham**  
**Director of Corporate Services**