



Council Report

For the Meeting of March 14, 2019

To: Council **Date:** February 27, 2019
From: Andrea Hudson, Acting Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development
Subject: **Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (No. 19-019) – Old Town Design Guidelines (2019)**

RECOMMENDATION

That the following bylaw be given first and second readings:

1. Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 28. (No. 19-019)

BACKGROUND

Attached for Council's initial consideration is a copy of the proposed Bylaw No. 19-019.

The issue came before Council on February 7, 2019 where the following resolution was approved:

Consultation on Draft Old Town Design Guidelines (2019) and OCP Amendment Bylaw

"That Council:

1. *Approve, in principle, the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019).*
2. *Direct staff to bring forward an Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw to amend Development Permit Area 1 (HC): Core Historic with an updated reference to the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019); to remove reference to the Chinatown Guidelines for Buildings, Canopies, Landscaping, Colours & Signs (1983); and to amend Development Permit Area 9 (HC): Inner Harbour with an updated reference to the Old Town Design Guidelines - New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings (2019).*
3. *Consider consultation under Section 475(2)(b) of the Local Government Act and direct staff that no referrals of the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw are necessary to the Capital Regional District Board, Island Health, Songhees Nation, Esquimalt Nation, provincial or federal governments, Township of Esquimalt, District of Saanich and the District of Oak Bay.*
4. *Consider consultation under Sections 475(1) and 475(2) of the Local Government Act and direct staff to undertake consultation with the community including downtown residents, Old Town property owners, local development and business communities and local heritage organizations on the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan through online consultation concurrent with public review of the proposed Old Town Design Guidelines (2019).*

5. Direct staff to amend the document in Section 1.1 on page 3 to include a sentence that acknowledges that locals love the human-scale of Old Town and structure the content to begin with making benefit for locals and then making benefit for visitors and economic development impacts.
6. Direct staff to amend the document in Section 1.2 on page 5 to amend "traditional territories" to read as "traditional homelands"
7. Direct staff to include recognition of the family group if possible in the document."

Response to Council Motion

Consultation

The online consultation process resulted in a single comment suggesting that the Statement of Significance for the Waterfront in section 2.5 of the Old Town Design Guidelines should recognize the broader history of the harbour as a commercial seaport dating back to the early history of the Lekwungen people. Staff have updated section 2.5 to include this reference.

Revised Introduction

In response to Council motion 5, section 1.1. has been amended to include reference to the appreciation of Old Town's historic charm, human scale and attractive streetscapes by locals and visitors.

Reference to homelands

In response to Council motion 6, section 1.2 has been amended to replace reference of "traditional territories" with the 'homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations'. The use of the term 'homelands' was confirmed through the Office of the Mayor.

Recognition of family groups

In response to Council motion 7, section 1.2 has been amended to identify the original six Lekwungen family groups that lived in what is now the Capital Regional District. Section 1.2 has also been supplemented with a map that identifies the homelands of the original Lekwungen families. Use of this map within the Old Town Design Guidelines was confirmed with the Songhees Nation through the Office of the Mayor.

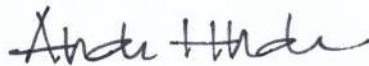
Conclusion

The Old Town Design Guidelines (2019) have been refined based on the recent Council direction and the related Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 28 (19-019) is ready for first and second readings.

Respectfully submitted,

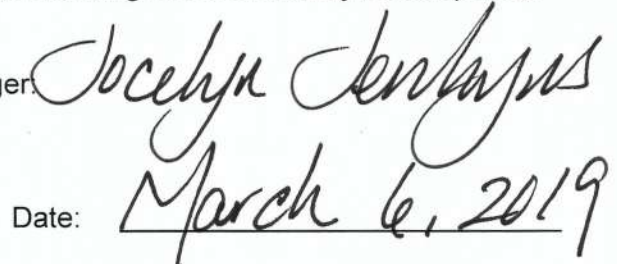


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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager



Date: March 6, 2019

List of Attachments:

- Bylaw No. 19-019