

Summary of Written and Oral Submissions

Zoning By-law Amendment - All lands within the Downtown Core, Inner Urban, Outer Urban and Suburban Transects (ACS2025-PDB-PSX-0032)

In addition to those outlined in the Consultation Details section of the report, the following outlines the written and oral submissions received between the publication of the report and prior to City Council's consideration:

Number of delegations/submissions

Number of delegations at Committee: 3

Number of written submissions received by Planning and Housing Committee between March 30 (the date the report was published to the City's website with the agenda for this meeting) and April 8, 2025 (the deadline for written submissions, being 4 pm the business day before the committee meeting date): 1

Summary of written submissions

Written submissions are held on file with the City Clerk and available from the Committee Coordinator upon request:

- Email dated April 8, 2025 from the Peoples Official Plan Coalition
- Email dated April 9, 2025 from Andrew Lumsden

Summary of oral submissions

The Committee heard from the following delegations:

1. Chris Greenshields, Vanier Community Association spoke to the staff report failing to refer to key provisions in the Official Plan that would touch on goals for neighbourhoods and public health and safety. Better shelter zoning performing standards are necessary with policy directions on public consultation and community safety. The VCA looks forward to working with the City to get the New Zoning Bylaw right in identifying proper definitions for shelters and urges Council to give more direction to staff to draw on public engagement.
2. Andrew Lumsden* noted the definition of emergency and transitional shelters needs to be clear. A different approach to the issue of homelessness is required that would provide the unhoused with better opportunities to reintegrate into housing beyond shelters.
3. Meg Herod, Peoples Official Plan Coalition* addressed the committee in support of the proposed amendment and urged members to view this as a necessary step into inclusion and equitable zoning. Clarifying the definition of Shelter, shared accessory uses be

permitted and removing separation distances were a few suggestions as to expanding what is currently included in the amendment.

Effect of Submissions on Planning and Housing Committee

Decision: Debate: The Committee spent approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes in consideration of the item.

Vote: Following discussion and questions of staff, the Committee carried the report recommendations as presented on division of 9 Yeas and 1 nay.

[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions and presentations are held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]

Report Recommendation(s)

- 1. That Planning and Housing Committee recommend Council approve an amendment to Zoning By-law 2008-250 for all Land in the Downtown Core, Inner Urban, Outer Urban and Suburban Transects, as shown in Document 1, to permit emergency shelters and transitional shelters in all zones other than the EP – Environmental Protection, ME – Mineral Extraction, IH – Heavy Industrial zones, IG – General Industrial zones, IL – Light Industrial zones and IP – Business Park zones, to conform with the Official Plan, as detailed in Document 2.**
- 2. That Planning and Housing Committee approve the Consultation Details Section of this report be included as part of the ‘brief explanation’ in the Summary of Written and Oral Public Submissions, to be prepared by the Office of the City Clerk and submitted to Council in the report titled, “Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions for Items Subject to the Planning Act ‘Explanation Requirements’ at the City Council Meeting of April 16, 2025,” subject to submissions received between the publication of this report and the time of Council’s decision.**

For (9): J. Leiper, G. Gower, R. Brockington, C. Curry, L. Dudas, T. Kavanagh, C. Kitts, T. Tierney, and A. Troster

Against (1): W. Lo

Carried (9 to 1)

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Pursuant to the *Procedure By-law*, members of the public may not make oral submissions to Council.

Number of additional written submissions received by Council between March 31st after 4 pm (deadline for written submissions to Planning and Housing Committee) and April 16, 2025 (Council consideration date): 0

Effect of Submissions on Council Decision:

Council considered all submissions in making its decision and carried the report recommendations as presented, with a direction to staff and Councillors Hill and Lo dissenting.

Direction to Staff (Councillor A. Hubley)

Direct staff to review the definitions associated with shelter uses as part of the ongoing Zoning By-law review to ensure that those definitions align both with the provisions outlined in the City's Official Plan and with the definitions used by the Community and Social Services Department. Direct staff to also ensure that, prior to the provision of public notification regarding a proposed shelter, the Ward Councillor is given the opportunity to advise staff on the best approach regarding communication and engagement with the public.