

Civic Affairs Newsletter Report for June 2010

Art Matsui, Chairman

Planning activity in May: (no new activities, just updates)

22D2009 5P2009; Ramsay Exchange At the 2009 February 10 Public Hearing, Council gave first reading to Bylaw 5P2009 (a Bylaw to amend the Ramsay Area Redevelopment Plan) and Bylaw 22D2009 (a Bylaw to re-designate zoning). It has been determined that a new public hearing on Bylaws 5P2006 and 22D2009 Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) for the Ramsay Exchange should be held prior to second and third reading of these Bylaws. This will allow affected parties and members of the public to provide their views on the Interface Report directly to Council, in a public forum. Administration took a report to the 2010 April 26 meeting of Council recommending that they advertise new Bylaws for a public hearing. Council tabled the item until May 10, where the motion passed to advertise for new bylaws. Council decided that the Interface Study and the new Bylaws would return to CPC after consultation between the parties. Alderman Ceci is pushing for the community association to be at the table. The new (modified) bylaws will return to a new Council, in November at the earliest.

LOC2010-0037 Stampede Expansion Zone 3 An application for a New Direct Control District to replace the existing Direct Control District, to exempt certain interim uses in Stampede Expansion Zone 3 from the City of Calgary floodway/Floodplain/Fringe Area Regulations. The plans for Zone 3 had reached the Development Permit stage in 2008 under DP2008-3636 and Civic Affairs were generally in opposition to the plans, which included Indian Village and temporary horse corrals on the East bank of the Elbow. (Civic Affairs comments can be seen at www.ramsaycommunity.ab.ca/civic/Stampede.html) The new land use bylaw is to allow the building of the stage for Indian Village and temporary horse corrals in the floodway of the Elbow. This new bylaw was passed through Calgary Planning Commission on April 15 and is headed to City Council for Public Hearing on June 7. Civic Affairs is sponsoring a petition that City Council table Land Use bylaw LOC2010-0037 until all interested parties have been consulted and a more environmentally friendly location for the corrals can be found away from the banks of the Elbow River. All are welcome to write (must be before May 27) or speak to Council, regarding the proposed livestock corral on the East Bank of the Elbow in the floodway and adjacent to residences in Ramsay.

The Civic Affairs Committee welcomes new members. Contact the Chairman at vpexternal@ramsaycommunity.ab.ca for details of the Civic Affairs Terms of Reference, Volunteer Code of Conduct and reading list of planning documents of record.

The community of Ramsay welcomes sustainable development that respects the history and emerging character of the neighbourhood, complies with the Area Redevelopment Plan and Bylaws, and will be a benefit to the people who live here.