



Public Hearing Options

April 20, 2020



Background

- ▶ Different approach to Public Hearings needed during the pandemic
 - ▶ Meet physical distancing and orders around gathering of people
 - ▶ Satisfy procedural fairness and legislative requirements
- ▶ Some mitigation measures in place
 - ▶ Promoting written correspondence
 - ▶ Blocking off rows & seats in Chambers
 - ▶ Minimal staff in attendance
 - ▶ Waiving public hearings

Option 1: Back-to-Back Public Hearings in Council Chambers

- ▶ Individual Public Hearing for each application
 - ▶ Only those interested in that application attend at that time
 - ▶ Reduces risk of reaching maximum number of 50 people
- ▶ Physical distancing needs can be met
- ▶ Councillors can participate electronically & meeting is broadcast live
- ▶ Staff would estimate how much time is needed per application
 - ▶ May result in gaps between items being considered

Option 1 Example

Meeting	Application	Time
Public Hearing #1	Application OCP ₁₉ -XXXX / Z ₁₉ -XXXX	6:00 pm
Public Hearing #2	Application TA ₂₀ -XXXX	6:30 pm
Public Hearing #3	Application OCP ₁₉ -XXXX / Z ₁₉ -XXXX	7:00 pm
Public Hearing #4	Application TA ₁₉ -XXXX	7:45 pm

Option 2: Grouped Public Hearings at Kelowna Community Theatre

- ▶ Groupings of applications in Public Hearings held at the Theatre
 - ▶ Substantial physical distancing
 - ▶ Increased risk of reaching maximum number of 50 people
 - ▶ Members of the public cannot be prevented from attending a Public Hearing
- ▶ Councillors can participate electronically
- ▶ Technology not purpose-built for Council meetings or live broadcasting
 - ▶ Requires more staff to run, limiting the number of public who can attend

Option 2 Example

Meeting	Application	Time
Public Hearing #1	Application OCP ₁₉ -XXXX / Z ₁₉ -XXXX Application TA ₂₀ -XXXX Application OCP ₁₉ -XXXX / Z ₁₉ -XXXX	1:00 pm
Public Hearing #2	Application TA ₁₉ -XXXX Application OCP ₂₀ -XXXX / Z ₂₀ -XXXX	6:00 pm

Information & Bylaw Readings

- ▶ Applicants will be asked to submit presentations in advance
 - ▶ Items presented or submitted during the Public Hearing will be circulated to Council after the meeting
- ▶ Further bylaw readings may be at a Regular Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing or at a subsequent meeting
 - ▶ All of Council must have access to the same information before further reading consideration

Recommendation

- ▶ Option 1 best meets public health, procedural fairness & legislative requirements
 - ▶ Ensure physical distancing
 - ▶ Greatest opportunity to limit to 50 attendees without compromising the Public Hearing process
 - ▶ Better option for electronic participation by Council & live broadcasting
- ▶ Written submissions will be encouraged
- ▶ Apply to both the May 12 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting



Questions?