

**Public Hearing Record
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Local Trust Committee
Public Hearing Record**

**REGARDING CANNABIS PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES –
PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 303 (LAND USE BYLAW)**

Date OF Public Hearing: JUNE 17, 2021
Time: 11:15 am
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Dan Rogers, Chair
Kees Langereis, Local Trustee
Scott Colbourne, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager
Nadine Mourao, Recorder

Others Present: There were approximately seven (7) members of the public and one member of the media in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 11:16 am, welcomed the public and introduced Trustees, Staff and Recorder. He acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Chair Rogers advised that this Public Hearing was being held for application the project: Cannabis Production and Retail Sales.

Chair Rogers spoke of the Public Hearing being held electronically, noting that the COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines preventing in-person meetings may continue for an extended period of time and this approach provides an option to inform the public, consider the application and allows the Local Trust Committee to continue due process and careful consideration of the proposal.

Regional Planning Manager Kauer read the Notice of Public Hearing.

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2. PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 303

- Cannabis Production Bylaw No. 303 to amend the Gabriola Land Use Bylaws (LUB) to regulate commercial processing and growing of cannabis in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);
- Referrals were sent to one (1) provincial agency, one (1) regional agency, two (2) non-agencies, and one (1) First Nations;
- A referral response from Snuneymuxw First Nations with further comments expected; and
- Received one (1) public comment from Gabriola Agricultural Co-op noting concerns with the impacts on local food security.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Rogers asked if there were any submissions.

No public comments.

No written submissions.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rogers asked three times if there were any further submissions.

Hearing none, Chair Rogers closed the Public Hearing.

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A FAIR AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF THE NATURE OF REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING THE MEETING HELD:

Nadine Mourao, Recorder