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Subject Request for Reconsideration – City of Cranbrook Proposed Boundary Expansion

REQUEST

Director Gay would like the Board to reconsider support of the City of Cranbrook proposed boundary expansion and rescind Resolution No. 48853.

OPTIONS

1. THAT Resolution No. 48853 adopted on December 6, 2019, in support of the City of Cranbrook proposed boundary expansion, be rescinded.
2. THAT the City of Cranbrook be advised that the RDEK does not support the proposed 18.6 ha boundary expansion in the vicinity of 17th Street South as outlined in the November 14, 2019 correspondence from the City.
3. THAT the City of Cranbrook be advised that the RDEK supports the proposed 18.6 ha boundary expansion in the vicinity of 17th Street South as outlined in the November 14, 2019 correspondence from the City.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On December 6, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution No. 48853:

“THAT the City of Cranbrook be advised that the RDEK supports the proposed 18.6 ha boundary expansion in the vicinity of 17th Street South as outlined in the November 14, 2019 correspondence from the City.”

In accordance with Procedure Bylaw No. 2020, Director Gay would like the Board to rescind the above resolution (Option 1) and entertain a motion to not support the proposed boundary expansion (Option 2).

In support of this request, Director Gay has submitted the following comments:

- Rational for extension – From what Director Gay can gather via documentation and discussion, the only rational for this extension is from one owner who would like to subdivide their property.
- Existing available land base within City limits – Staff reports suggest capacity of 5000+/- dwelling units currently exist.
- Ministry guidelines:
 - “Generally, the Minister will not recommend a boundary extension to Cabinet if a majority of property owners within the proposed extension area object.” Director Gay advises that 15 of the 18 impacted property owners do not support the proposed expansion. 83% opposed.

- “An exception may be made where overriding provincial or local issues exist, such as resolving public health concerns or environmental protection issues.” To Director Gay’s knowledge, there are no public health concerns (wells and septic systems are working fine) nor do any environmental protection issues exist.

In summary, Director Gay is not in support of the City of Cranbrook proposed boundary expansion at this time. In his view no sound rationale exists, by its own figures the City has more than ample room to develop and grow, and Provincial guidelines will not be met.

Attachment:

- November 19, 2019 Staff Report