

NO. 15819 QUESNEL REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

John Higgins, Valerie King, and Susan Maile

PETITIONERS

AND:

The City of Quesnel

RESPONDENT

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Filed by: The City of Quesnel (the "petition respondent")

Part 1: ORDERS CONSENTED TO

The petition respondent consents to the granting of the orders set out in the following paragraphs of Part 1 of the petition: nil

Part 2: ORDERS OPPOSED

The petition respondent opposes the granting of the orders set out in paragraphs 1 to 3 of Part 1 of the petition.

Part 3: ORDERS ON WHICH NO POSITION IS TAKEN

The petition respondent takes no position on the granting of the orders set out in paragraphs NIL of Part 1 of the petition.

Part 4: FACTUAL BASIS

- 1. This Petition relates to the City of Quesnel Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1716 of 2013 (the "Bylaw") and the City of Quesnel Official Community Plan (the "OCP").
- 2. The Bylaw was adopted by the municipal council of the Respondent after a public hearing in which residents had an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the Bylaw.
- 3. The Bylaw permits a secondary suite at the property located at 136 Leonard Street. Quesnel, B.C. (the "Property").

4. The OCP contemplates the possibility of the Property being zoned to allow for a secondary suite.

Part 5: LEGAL BASIS

- In an application under s. 884 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323, a bylaw is subject to review on a reasonableness standard as to whether or not it is incompatible with the applicable Official Community Plan (see Residents and Ratepayers of Central Saanich Society v. Saanich (District), 2011 BCCA 484).
- 2. In this matter, the Bylaw is not incompatible with the OCP.
- 3. Alternatively, it is not unreasonable to determine that the Bylaw is not incompatible with the OCP.

Part 6: MATERIAL TO BE RELIED ON

1. Affidavit #1 of Tanya Turner sworn the 6th day of June, 2013

The petition respondent estimates that the application will take 1 day.

Dated: June 7th, 2013.

Signature of Christopher S. Murdy

defendant lawyer for petition respondent

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