

**THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE  
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING  
January 17, 2007 at 5:00 pm  
Council Chambers**

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**Present:** Mayor Louise Krewusik  
Councillor Paul Bailey  
Councillor Jackie Dube  
Councillor Gordon Frentz  
Councillor Tony McCormick  
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer  
Carolyn Ferraby, Chief Financial Officer

**Regrets:** Deputy Mayor Terry Coray  
Councillor Vic Beland  
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

**Delegates:**

Claude Menard – Royal Canadian Legion  
Donna Bradburn – Transition House  
Claire Facette – Community at Large  
Chez Francis Bed and Breakfast – (represented by Patrick)  
Marilyn Baker – Community at Large  
Doris Mills – Whispering Pines Lodge  
Jean Bourdua – Grande Cache Hotel  
George Beis – Big Horn Motel

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Krewusik called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Dube and seconded by Councillor Bailey  
8/07 RESOLVED THAT** the agenda is adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**3.1 Public Hearing for Smoking By-Law No. 647**

**Moved by Councillor Frentz and seconded by Councillor Bailey  
9/07 RESOLVED THAT** Council opens the Public Hearing.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Krewusik welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She explained the procedures to be followed for the Public Hearing. She asked that members of the public introduce themselves and members of Council and staff were also introduced.

Mayor Krewusik explained to the public that Council could choose three ways of proceeding with the proposed by-law: 1) proceed with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading without changes; 2) proceed with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading with changes; or 3) to defeat the by-law and not to proceed at all.

The Mayor also explained that it was the mandate of Council to pass by-laws for a number of reasons, and in relation to smoking, it was a public health and safety issue. The Mayor reviewed the key elements of the proposed by-law pointing out that the by-law would prohibit smoking in any public place, including private clubs and on any municipally owned property.

The Mayor opened the hearing to members of the public.

**Claude Menard – Royal Canadian Legion**

Mr. Menard told Council that the Legion was opposed to the by-law, as they felt that the by-law went way too far. He noted that the members of the Legion who were veterans fought in various conflicts for freedom and the proposed by-law removed their right to smoke inside their own club. Mr. Menard read an e-mail regarding the contribution of veterans to society.

Mr. Menard concluded by stating his option to the proposed by-law, and that there should be more supervision of schools and children to ensure that they are not smoking in prohibited areas.

**Donna Bradburn – Transition House**

Ms. Bradburn asked whether the by-law would prohibit smoking on the grounds of the Transition House. It was clarified that the property of Transition House is not affected by this by-law.

**Claire Facette – Citizen at Large**

Ms. Facette indicated her opposition to the proposed by-law and stated that it discriminated against her and other smokers. She acknowledged that it was harmful to her health, but argued that it was her choice to smoke, and people have the choice not to patronize establishments where smoking is prohibited. She indicated that she felt as if she was being treated as a second-class citizen.

**Chez Francis Bed and Breakfast**

The business' appointed spokesperson, Patrick, asked how the by-law would be enforced in relation to smokers in front of routes of egress. He suggested that the by-law should prescribe a specific distance from entrances, etc.

He suggested that the by-law was unenforceable, due to the fact that it is illegal for children to smoke. However, they do it anyways, and went on to suggest that the Town not pass the by-law, opting instead to allow the provincial government to pass legislation.

**Marilyn Baker – Citizen at Large**

Ms. Baker indicated that she suffers from COPD (Cardio Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder), forcing her to carry an oxygen tank. She said that her condition was a result of thirty-five years of smoking, and was in favour of the by-law. She indicated that she was no longer able to socialize in settings such as the Legion bingo, because of smoking. She thanked Council for considering the by-law.

**Doris Mills – Whispering Pines Lodge**

Ms. Mills indicated that the Lodge has been non-smoking since its opening, and they have an outdoor smoking patio. She indicated that some of her clients were in their 80's and 90's, and still managed to go outside to smoke without incident or complaint.

**Jean Bourdua – Grande Cache Hotel**

Mr. Bourdua requested that the implementation date of the by-law, if passed, be late spring, as to allow time for the business to comply.

**Cheryl Blancette**

Ms. Blancette asked about smoking in the parking lot of the mall, indicating that smoking in front of the mall entrances is a problem.

**George Bies – Big Horn Motor Inn**

Mr. Bies asked whether or not the Council was willing to compensate his business for lost revenue that may occur if people cannot smoke in his facilities. He said that he disagrees with the by-law, as he was long time smoker, and that it would affect his business.

General discussion from the members of the public also took place with various points of view in relation to the by-law. Many of the elders expressed their opposition to the by-law, as they were members of the Golden Age Seniors Club. The Clubhouse has a smoking room facility with a designated air exchange unit that prevents any smoke from entering the Club. The President of the Club indicated that they have spent \$75,000 on constructing such a facility. She also argued that the Club did not employ staff, was not open to the public, and did not serve food, therefore, it should not be included in the by-law.

There were also general questions relating to smoking on public property, and it was clarified that the only property covered under the by-law was municipally owned property, and is listed in the by-law. The By-Law would not cover hotel, motel, bed and breakfast rooms or stalls at the campground. However, it would cover the clubhouse at the Golf Course.

Many members of the public thanked Council for allowing them the opportunity to present their views on the by-law.

The Mayor concluded the Public Hearing.

**Moved by Councillor Bailey and seconded by Councillor Frenz**  
**10/07 RESOLVED THAT** Council ends the Public Hearing, and reverts back to the Special Meeting.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Dube**  
**11/07 WHEREAS** the business of this meeting has been completed;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 7:10 pm.

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Louise Krewusik  
Mayor

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Darren Ottaway  
Chief Administrative Officer

**RECAPULATION**

**Moved by Councillor Dube and seconded by Councillor Bailey**

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