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Trilogy back on front burner

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Village of Cumberland residents have eight days to prepare submissions for Trilogy's next public hearing.

The meeting July 24, set by village staff two weeks after the developer submitted all of its required reports, will consider Official Community Plan amendments for lots 2a, 2b, 9a, 10a, 10b and 11 and rezoning for those lots as well as 3a, 3b, 3c, 7, 8a and 5.

Village staff presented a report to council this week, wrapping up their review of the reports.

While in some areas, the comments state that significant information has been given, in others— particularly the traffic study and community impact analysis —there were issues highlighted that left Coun. Gwyn Sproule and members of the audience asking if a public hearing was appropriate at this time.

“There's a lot of ifs, buts and ands,” said Sproule about the issues raised in the report.

Mayor Fred Bates said things do need to be sorted out, but that they are generally required at different stages of the development application process.

“That doesn't mean you can't have a land-use commitment before that's all worked out,” he said.

In the question period at the end of the meeting, residents expressed frustration at the notification process for the public hearing. A motion had been approved earlier this year to say that a hearing date wouldn't be set until all the reports were available to the public for two weeks. While they have been available —many didn't know they were.

The initial advertisements for the hearing were made before council had approved the date. The date was changed at council from July 21 to July 24, at 6 p.m., at the Cumberland Cultural Centre.

A public meeting hosted by the village regarding the application is being held tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. at the cultural centre as well.

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