

Sue Jackel Email Letter - February 21
Mayor and Council,

At his request, I sent this information to Greg Amos, to explain my statement at the end of last night's meeting that interested residents have been expecting an opportunity to learn about the development agreement on Silverback before Council went to 4th reading.

I understand why Council would want to go over the final development agreement in camera before deciding whether to proceed to 4th reading. The agreement is a binding document, and very important. If it's important to Council, it's also important to residents. The public should know what you're voting on at next week's special Council meeting, with more than an hour's notice. Mayor Reid said this was "the best we can do." I hope, with reflection, that you can find a way to do better.

Sue J.

From Planning Committee materials, **July 10, 2007**, p. 24, Request for Decision, Administrator, Silverback Text Amendment Bylaw 25-195-1, 2007:

Communication Strategy: Staff is aware of community interest about this development. The proposal is the largest development in the community. Because of that, Council may choose to hold a public hearing for this text amendment, and use the opportunity to present the companion development agreement.

Recommendation: That the Planning Committee provides a recommendation to Council about giving first reading to Bylaw 25-195-1, 2007, and, if the housekeeping text amendment should be presented at a public hearing with the final development agreement.

SJ asked at end of meeting: did the administrator mean a public hearing? Answer, Bill Brown, yes. However, Poole didn't think a public hearing was necessary for a text amendment, but they could make it a public workshop. Staff would schedule one when the development agreement was completed. Community groups would be notified.

Minutes of Planning meeting as reported in Regular Council Meeting Agenda materials, July 18, 2007, p. 18, Silverback text amendment:

Recommendation#3, Steeves/Thirkell: THAT Bylaw 25-195-1, 2007 be forwarded to Council for first reading and to schedule a workshop to review the development agreement. CARRIED.

SJ asked at end of meeting: will the workshop be public workshop? Reid and Poole: yes.