

Subject: RE: Requirement to tape public hearing?
From: "Agnes Hilsen" <Agnes_Hilsen@dnv.org>
Date: Wed, 22 Nov 2006 12:25:06 -0800
To: "Corrie Kost" <kost@triumf.ca>

Dear Corrie Kost:

Section 892 of the LGA states that a council member who was not present at a hearing is entitled to vote on the adoption of the bylaw provided that an oral or written report of the public hearing has been provided to the member by an officer or employee of the local government. In accordance with Section 891, the written report must contain a summary of the nature of the representations.

I've never seen a description of exactly how the oral report would be provided, but I don't believe that it is a requirement to provide a tape recording to a council member who wasn't present at the hearing. That being said, I think it's a good practice. As you're probably aware, all of our public hearings are videotaped and archived so that Council members can refer to them. The written report of the hearing is always formally received by Council before consideration of the adoption of the bylaw.

Hope this provides clarification.

Regards,

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From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:kost@triumf.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 10:30 PM
To: Agnes Hilsen
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Dear Agnes Hilsen,

Could you clarify if the municipality must tape a public hearing and make that available to members of council who failed to attend the meeting OR is it sufficient to make available a written transcript (albeit incomplete) of the proceedings to those member of council that did not attend the public hearing?

Any references to the Local Government Act and/or Community Charter on this aspect would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost