

On Thursday, 7 August 2025 at 16:18, Ken Leung [REDACTED]@abbotsford.ca> wrote:

Marty:

I confirm receipt of your email and notice of appeal, which has been shared with Council.

I note that the Society has requested that the City "act on an expedited basis", as the proposed event "is part of a coordinated multi-city tour that will have concluded long before the hearing dates contemplated by the Bylaw". I also note that the Society has asked to be "afforded a full hearing". At the same time, Mr. Blackett's letter of August 5 states that the event "should reasonably be confirmed no later than about August 8, 2025, in order to proceed".

This timeframe is not workable. Council is on its summer break and is not scheduled to meet again until September 9. Pursuant to the City's *Council Procedure Bylaw*, a special meeting of Council would require at least 24 hours' notice unless waived by a unanimous vote of all Council members. I can advise that a number of our Council members are not available tomorrow or next week, and quorum is potentially an issue. Moreover, a number of City and AbbyPD staff are also out of the office and unavailable at this time, including individuals who were involved in the decision under reconsideration.

Accordingly, further to section 10(2) of the City's *Appeal Procedure Bylaw*, City staff will schedule a hearing of this appeal in consultation with the Society, but it will not be possible to schedule this hearing on the expedited basis proposed by the Society.

Sincerely,

Ken