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ULTIMATE EFFORT Xavier Wack makes an incredible diving catch for the score during Canmore Ultimate Frisbee's pick-up game at Elizabeth Rummel field on July 2. JUNGMIN HAM RMO PHOTO

Much discussed downtown plan approved by Canmore council

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CANMORE – Canmore has a long-awaited new guiding document when it comes to the community's downtown.

Canmore council adopted the downtown area redevelopment plan (ARP) Tuesday (July 8) after the document brought significant attention from residents and business owners.

The final approval came after a final round of amendments to the plan, which added a convention centre as a permitted use, more detail about the restrictive covenant that exists for several properties in the Mount Peachee area and maintaining building height allowances on 10th and Main streets.

"Change is always difficult. … There's a lot of aspects of this plan that is going to resonate with some residents and there's parts that will not resonate with some residents," said Coun. Jeff Hilstad.

"Change is hard and some people will look at this and think it's amazing and some will be disappointed, but on the whole, I'm happy with where we got. I think we did a lot of changes from the public hearing."

Coun. Tanya Foubert, who narrowly failed in a motion 4-3 to have the plan specifically remove a year-round pedestrian zone instead of the potential for one, echoed Hilstad that after going through the process of multiple drafts and engagement it is "really solid."

"I think the changes we've made are really responsive to the feedback we got from our community," she said.

Coun. Jeff Mah added he felt there had been good community discussion and a high level of interest from residents.

"I think we've gone through a lot of back and forth in the community. I think we tamped down some unnecessary fears and we were also responsive as well," he said.

At council's May 27 meeting, Canmore's elected officials made a series of amendments to the downtown plan.

Among them were changes removing references to full-year pedestrianization from being mandatory to optional, limiting height to two-and-a-half storeys without variances on Main and 10th streets, no net decrease in downtown public parking and removing reference to any specific location for intercept parking.

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