

Regular MeetingMarch 1, 1999

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in the Council Chamber, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Monday, March 1, 1999.

Council members in attendance were: Mayor Walter Gray, Councillors A.F. Blanleil*, M.I. Bremner*, R.D. Cannan, C.B. Day, J.D. Leask, J.D. Nelson and S.A. Shepherd.

Council member absent: Councillor R.D. Hobson.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, R.A. Born; Acting-City Clerk, G.D. Matthews; Communications Manager, C. Renkas*; Information Services Manager, D. Rasmussen*; Works & Utilities Administration Manager, E. Shipclark*; Inspection Services Manager, K. Skinner*; Roadways Engineer, M. Duggan*; and Acting-Council Recording Secretary, L.M. Taylor.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Councillor Cannan was requested to check the minutes of the meeting.

3. PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

3.1 Presentation by Ms. Judy Wish of Canadian Petroleum Products Institute (Western Division) re: Gasoline Pricing

Ms. Judy Wish, of Canadian Petroleum Products Institute explained the Institute is an association of companies that are involved in the refining, distribution and marketing of petroleum products. She showed graphs on the overhead projector indicating the price of a litre of gasoline is made up of 54% taxes, 25% crude oil and 21% refining and marketing. Crude oil prices are set internationally and the biggest factor in the difference in gas prices from country to country is taxes. Gasoline prices vary from region to region for a number of reasons including taxes, the number of service stations, delivery costs and sales volumes. The largest factor in the difference between gas prices in Kelowna and Vancouver is the introduction of competition into the Vancouver market. Arco is an American based company that brings in their refined product from Washington state and their competition has had the result of lowering gas prices.

Doug Thrower, Marketing Manager for Petro Canada, advised Council the increased competition has resulted in the closure of 10 Petro Canada sites in the Vancouver area. In many cases the companies pay a flat commission to the service station operators and the lower prices has resulted in the petroleum companies having to subsidize the price of gas.

Upon questioning from Council, Ms. Wish and Mr. Thrower reported that the trend is towards self-serve gas stations with convenience stores and that there is no appreciable difference in the safety issues of self serve versus full service. Mr. Thrower indicated the current restrictions that the City of Coquitlam has put on self-serve gas stations has limited the investment in service stations in that municipality.

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4. REPORTS

4.1 Communications Manager, verbal report re: City of Kelowna Web Site

The Communications Manager reported to Council on the development of the City of Kelowna website which is to go live immediately after the Council meeting. The objective of the website is to enhance communications, improve customer service, increase the public's awareness and to share information about the City of Kelowna. In order to develop the website, the Steering Committee researched other municipal websites throughout Canada and the U.S., conducted employee surveys, held departmental meetings and included questions on the 1998 citizen survey. The development of the site has been a phased approach and there is a lot of opportunity for growth and further development of the site. It was indicated the Information Services Manager is responsible for the technical development of the site and the Communications Manager is responsible for the development of the content of the site.

The Communications Manager did an on-line presentation of a tour of the website and explained the different components including the various departments pages, the documents listing and the database search capabilities. Responding to questions from Council, the Communications Manager advised the site does not currently record the number of visits to the site but that it will in the future. The Information Services Manager indicated the site is not yet "security gated" but should that become a requirement, the system will be able to handle it. It was also noted that at some time in the future an e-commerce system may be implemented in order to allow the payment of such things as utility bills and permit applications on-line.

The Communications Manager, Information Services Manager and Works & Utilities Administration Manager left the Council Chamber at 3:30 p.m.

The Inspection Services Manager entered the Council Chamber at 3:30 p.m.

4.2 Inspection Services Manager, dated February 23, 1999 re: Application for Stratification of a Duplex (ST98-08) – 612 Hollywood Road & 635 Hollydell Road (3760-10)

The Inspection Services Manager outlined the report for Council.

Mayor Gray invited anyone who deemed themselves affected to come forward. There was no response.

Moved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

R151/99/03/01 THAT the application to stratify the semi-detached dwelling located on Lot 107, Plan 19846 – 635 Hollydell Road and 612 Hollywood Road, be approved in the names of Alan R. Alcock, Debra Alcock and Linda Thonger with no conditions.

Carried

The Inspection Services Manager left the Council Chamber at 3:32 p.m.

The Roadways Engineer entered the Council Chamber at 3:32 p.m.

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- 4.3 Transportation Manager, dated February 19, 1999 re: Tender 1999 Asphalt Overlay Program (Rural Area) (5400-10)

The Roadways Engineer outlined the report for Council and explained the reason the rural and urban asphalt overlay programs were separate tenders for 1999 is because the rural program will be funded from the monies negotiated by the City for the take over of the rural roads.

Moved by Councillor Blanleil/Seconded by Councillor Cannan

R152/99/03/01 THAT the Tender for the 1999 asphalt overlay program (Rural Area), be awarded to the low bidder, Emil Anderson Construction Ltd., in the amount of Five Hundred and Thirty-eight Thousand and Eight Hundred and Seventy-one Dollars and Thirty-seven Cents (\$538,871.37) including GST.

Carried

The Roadways Engineer left the Council Chamber at 3:40 p.m.

- 4.4 Councillor Day, Chair, Council Policy Review Committee, dated February 24, 1999 re: Council Policy Manual Review (0110)

Councillor Day outlined the report for Council.

Council requested Policy No. 37 dealing with Complementary Parking Passes for Visitors be retained until the Parking Committee can draft a replacement policy to deal with the issuing of complementary parking tokens.

Council also requested Policy No. 108 dealing with Pedestrian Crosswalks/ Intersections be retained until clarification is received from staff that the proposed Traffic Control Manual effectively deals with the issue of crosswalks.

Moved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

R153/99/03/01 THAT Council Policies No. 29, 36, 85, 109 and 219 be rescinded;

AND THAT Council Policy No. 5 be revised as attached to the report dated February 24, 1999 from the Council Policy Review Committee.

Carried

5. BYLAWS (OTHER THAN ZONING & DEVELOPMENT)

(BYLAWS PRESENTED FOR FIRST THREE READINGS)

- 5.1 Bylaw No. 8364 – Amendment No. 5 to Kelowna Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 7728 (amend definitions of Commercial, Industrial and Institutional A & B)

Moved by Councillor Nelson/Seconded by Councillor Leask

R154/99/03/01 THAT Bylaw No. 8364 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

Regular MeetingMarch 1, 1999**(BYLAWS PRESENTED FOR ADOPTION)**5.2 Bylaw No. 8318 – Wild or Exotic Animal Prohibition BylawMoved by Councillor Leask/Seconded by Councillor Nelson**R155/99/03/01** THAT Bylaw No. 8318 be adopted.Carried

Councillors Blanleil, Bremner and Cannan opposed.

5.3 Bylaw No. 8347 – Amendment No. 7 to Business Licence and Regulation
Bylaw No. 7878Moved by Councillor Nelson/Seconded by Councillor Leask**R156/99/03/01** THAT Bylaw No. 8347 be adopted.Carried5.4 Bylaw No. 8348 – Road Exchange Bylaw – Baron RoadMoved by Councillor Shepherd/Seconded by Councillor Day**R157/99/03/01** THAT Bylaw No. 8348 be adopted.Carried5.5 Bylaw No. 8365 – Amendment No. 4 to Airport Fees Bylaw No. 7982
(amend parking fees for economy lot)Moved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Shepherd**R158/99/03/01** THAT Bylaw No. 8365 be adopted.Carried6. COUNCILLOR ITEMS(a) 1999 Student Initiative

Councillor Shepherd reported the 1999 Student Initiative with School District No. 23 will focus on involving students with the Council committees.

(b) Homeowner Protection Act

Councillor Shepherd reported she attended a conference on the Homeowner Protection Act over the past weekend and that as of May 1 it will be illegal to carry on business as a residential builder without a provincial license. She noted that application forms should be available at City Hall for the provincial residential builder licenses.

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(c) Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame

Councillor Shepherd reported that the Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame in Vernon has been dismantled. She requested that staff investigate the possibility of getting the Hall of Fame relocated to Kelowna or at least obtaining some of the memorabilia for display. She further asked that staff report back to Council outlining the opportunities for the Hall of Fame and the cost implications to the City.

7. TERMINATION

The meeting was declared terminated at 4:07 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

LMT/am

Acting-City Clerk