

Statutory Inaugural MeetingDecember 6, 1999

The Statutory Inaugural Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in the Council Chamber, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Monday, December 6, 1999.

Council members in attendance were: Mayor-elect E. Walter Gray, Councillors-elect A.F. Blanleil, R.D. Cannan, B.A. Clark, C.B. Day, B.D. Given, R.D. Hobson, J.D. Nelson and S.A. Shepherd.

Staff member in attendance was: City Clerk, D.L. Shipclark.

Special guests in attendance were: The Honourable Mr. Justice N. Drossos; Reverend Albert Baldeo; Ms. Allison Flack, Piper; MLA Okanagan East, J. Weisbeck; MLA Okanagan West, S. Hawkins; Fred Macklin Award Recipient, H. Comben; Sarah Donaldson Treadgold Award Recipient, H. Hut; Young Female Citizen of the Year Award recipient, Lauren Telford; Kasuagi Sister City Association President, J. Eakins; Peter Schulz, Clint McKenzie, Rita Milne, John Hertay, Michael Hill, Downtown Business Association; Miss Kelowna Lady of the Lake Royalty Kelley Olinger and Princess Shi-Ann Martin; Superintendent, Gary Forbes and Constables Doug Brecknell and Pat Mulhall, R.C.M. Police.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Following a procession to the accompaniment of Piper Allison Flack, the meeting was called to order by His Worship Mayor-Elect E. Walter Gray at 7:00 p.m.

2. SINGING OF O'CANADA

Miss Shi-Ann Martin opened the meeting by singing O'Canada.

3. INVOCATION

His Worship Mayor-Elect Gray called upon Reverend Albert Baldeo to offer invocation on the newly elected Municipal Council.

4. WELCOME OF GUESTS AND INTRODUCTION

His Worship Mayor-Elect Gray welcomed and introduced members of the incoming Municipal Council and guests.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO MAYOR-ELECT

His Worship Mayor-Elect Gray introduced The Honourable Mr. Justice Drossos who administered the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Mayor-Elect Gray and presented him with the City of Kelowna Chain of Office.

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE FOR COUNCILLORS-ELECT

The Honourable Mr. Justice Drossos administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office to Councillors-Elect A.F. Blanleil, R.D. Cannan, B.A. Clark, C.B. Day, B.D. Given, R.D. Hobson, J.D. Nelson and S.A. Shepherd.

7. His Worship Mayor E. Walter Gray assumed the Chair.

8. MAYOR GRAY'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and all citizens of Kelowna. On the occasion of this Inaugural Meeting of your new Kelowna City Council I gratefully accept the job as Kelowna's Mayor. It is a proud moment for me and for the 8 elected Councillors at the Table and for many people in Council Chambers tonight and throughout this community.

Your new Kelowna City Council is about to embark on a journey of new challenges and commitment to ongoing issues and programs of importance. We will work for a better Kelowna.

Over the course of the next three years, your new Council will work as a team to arrive at decisions after considered thought and healthy debate. We will respect one another's views. We will accept the majority will. It is my sincere wish that this team work approach will continue to permeate throughout City Hall and throughout City operations, as it has these past three years. Council and all City staff have a responsibility to work hard and to work efficiently for the citizens of this community as we honour the trust placed in us.

As we build a new team on Council, and enter the new millennium, I welcome back incumbents Hobson, Shepherd, Blanche, Cannan, Nelson and Day. Your loyalty and patience during my first term as Mayor has been commendable. I have learned much from each one of you. On the occasion of this Inaugural meeting I am extremely happy to welcome to the team the two new faces Councillor Barrie Clark and Councillor Brian Given.

Councillor Clark brings with him a solid background of experience in local and provincial government as an elected official in past lives. Furthermore, as a former rentalsman of British Columbia he is sensitive to public needs and how the public reacts. As an open line broadcaster in Vancouver earlier on and here in Kelowna for the past dozen years or so Mr. Clark has become a consummate student of public behaviour and what makes an issue an issue.

Councillor Brian Given brings a dimension to Council which will be of extreme value. As a former President of the Kelowna Downtown Association he has the background and is committed to one of Council's ongoing priorities as articulated in the Official Community Plan - Town Centre development. In his professional position with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind he is sensitive to minority needs, social responsibility and the importance of volunteerism. This community knows the value of the volunteer spirit and Mr. Given will work, as each member of this Council will, to promote and value that quality within Kelowna.

Let me reflect for a moment on the two retiring members of Council and express with genuine and most heartfelt thanks our appreciation to Marion Bremner who served as a Councillor for 11 years and to Councillor Joe Leask who after retirement moved to Kelowna and soon after was elected to Council to serve us for 6 years. Marion will be remembered as Council's representative and a driving force in the establishment of Kelowna Pride, the initiative that repatriated the streets in downtown Kelowna for the good and use of decent people following the riots in the late 1987 and 1988. Too, Marion will be remembered as the Councillor who reminded her colleagues on an ongoing basis about the plight of the underdog and was often the moral conscience.

Joe Leask brought a rather unique contribution to Council for he would always be the watchdog for process and fair play. Certainly, in my three year's experience in working with Joe, he was a team player but, he would not compromise his principles if Council was or appeared to be short cutting the process. We appreciated that guidance.

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Marion..... Joe.....On behalf of your colleagues from the outgoing Council and on behalf of all citizens of Kelowna I express sincere thanks for your service to this Great City.

While it is sad to see good friends go it is healthy that there be renewal on Council. It keeps incumbents on their toes and it stimulates interest in the community. But, best of all it introduces new energy and new ideas. That is important in a vital and dynamic growing community like Kelowna. We should all welcome that.

As part of the business agenda for this Inaugural Meeting of Council a resolution will be presented to announce appointees from Council to Council Boards and Committees for the coming term. Tonight I will be proposing the elimination of 9 Committees and restructuring some of the existing Committees. Those being eliminated have served their useful lives. Others simply do not require the attention that they once deserved. No doubt, over the course of the next three years, other Committees will be created as the need arises. Here are some comments about Committees and Council appointments to Committees.

Councillor Blanleil will be moved from the Okanagan Regional Library Board to become the Council representative on the Chamber of Commerce and to the Economic Development Commission. Councillor Colin Day will become Council's appointee to the Library Board. There are no changes being proposed with regard Kelowna Council's representation on the Regional District of Central Okanagan Board. Reappointed will be: Councillors Hobson, Shepherd, Blanleil, Day and the Mayor. City Council alternates to the Regional District will be Councillors Cannan, Nelson, Clark and Given.

Councillor Brian Given will replace Councillor Cannan as appointee to the Social Planning Board. As Brian was the Chairman of that Committee prior to becoming an elected civic official it makes sense that he assumes that position and presumably would retain Chairmanship of that Committee. Councillor Shepherd will Chair the Sports Tourism Committee. Sports Tourism is a new community initiative now being managed by Tourism Kelowna. Councillor Shepherd spearheaded getting the sports tourism initiative to this point and will continue to help make the opportunity grow. Citizen of the Year Selection Committee Chair will be Councillor Brian Given. Councillor Smiley Nelson will continue to serve on that Committee. Communities in Bloom Committee will continue to be Chaired by Councillor Ron Cannan. Council's representative on the Kelowna Centennial Museum Society will be Councillor Barrie Clark. Kelowna's Museum system has undergone a number of changes this past year and with the imminent retirement of the eminent Ursula Surtees as Curator this will afford new opportunities and challenges. The City Council Water Committee will remain unchanged. It will be Chaired by Councillor Hobson. Councillors Shepherd and Day will continue on this important Committee. The citizens of Kelowna will recall that this Committee was formed very soon after the Council inauguration of 1996 as the first major challenge confronting Council was a strategy for water monitoring and protection following the crypto outbreak of 1996. We should at this time acknowledge the Water Quality Committee made up of leading local citizens and experts which was Chaired by Bob Whitehead. This Committee made its final report to Council earlier this fall.

This is a brief outline of some of the Council appointee highlights to Committees. We should be reminded that hundreds of citizens throughout our community sit on some of the Committees I have outlined. And some Committees do not have Council representation. For example, the Advisory Planning Commission, the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Public Arts Committee which are intended to operate "arms length".

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Let us reflect a few moments on these past three years. All members of Council worked very hard. Each was very focused and as a team much was accomplished. Much of Council's work is considered work in progress. While it has a start it never really has a finish date and there is no ribbon cutting. Considerable progress has been made in water quality protection, monitoring and stewardship and there has been an increased focus on air quality. During these past three years the City has continued to recognize that many local government programs are indeed regional by nature. For example the City has participated in the Regional Growth Management Plan these past three years. It will go to the public for comments very early in Year 2000.

As Kelowna grows, more and more Kelowna issues and responsibilities extend beyond our own boundaries. Kelowna Regional Transit as an example has grown by 50% these past three years, now carrying over 2,000,000 passengers annually. Kelowna International Airport has grown from 17th largest to Canada's 12th largest. Accomplishments? Skyreach Place is clearly the crowning achievement - a jewel in Kelowna's crown. But, there are many other community improvements to celebrate:

- South Padosy Revitalization
- Improvements downtown
- Inner City Foreshore Plan
- 20% of the cities roads/streets repaved or rebuilt
- 4-laning of Glenmore Rd/4-laning of Benvoulin
- Settlement (after 25 years) of the rural roads issue with the province
- and the list goes on.

But let us not rest on our laurels, nor stand on our record. Let us focus on the future..... continue these initiatives and programs that are vital to Kelowna's envied "way of life"..... water quality, air quality, transit and transportation, policing and public safety.

These next three years will be filled with challenges and opportunities.

- Ben Lee Park will be completed.
- Jim Stuart Park will be started.
- The Kelowna International Airport Terminal and parking will be completed.
- Highway improvements through our City will continue. A replacement to the present 42 year old Okanagan Lake Bridge will be in place. In addition, (hopefully) a second Okanagan Highway Corridor will be identified and secured through the Central Okanagan for future needs.
- Sports Tourism and Cultural Tourism will begin to flourish and a major Visual and Performing Arts Complex will be built and a Cultural District realized.
- Planning will begin for a major Public/Private Partnership for a waterfront public wharf with business and tourist amenities north of the Sails and Kerry Park.
- Another multi-floor parkade (this time in the area somewhere southeast of Bernard & Ellis) will be in place (hopefully) within the year as a private sector partnership with the City.
- Attention by Council will be directed to development of the Rutland Town Centre over the next three years. Attention to sewers in portions of Rutland are on the agenda for this coming year.
- There will be increased levels of service in policing, bylaw enforcement and public safety.
- Construction of the 1/2 million sq. ft. Western Star plant and office complex will begin next summer with completion expected in the fall of 2001. The City, in its interest to maintain and increase employment, will be working on infrastructure responsibilities: to provide road, sewer and water for Western Star and the North East World Class Industrial Park.

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While it is exciting to plan for the future, through our OCP, the 10 year Capital plan, and other financial plans we must be open to new ideas and consider opportunities as they present themselves. They must be considered by your new Council, and by the committed and dedicated staff within the city.

All of us on Council will work with and for the citizens of Kelowna.....and we will continue to have respect for the taxpayer. We will work to give value for every tax dollar spent.

Your new Council will take this city into the New Millennium (and that is just 25 days away). Kelowna has come a long way in its 94½ years since incorporation. We have much to be proud of. We are grateful to the past Councils, previous and present City staff and to the citizens of the day.

In conclusion: In the true spirit of a community that has so much to celebrate, each and every one of you is invited downtown Kelowna New Year's Eve 8 p.m. until after midnight to welcome in the New Millennium. There will be more information in the media between now and then. A \$5 button is your passport to everything that is happening including fireworks at 10 p.m., 11 p.m. and the major display at midnight.

Ladies & Gentlemen, citizens of Kelowna, your new Council is eager and ready to serve you in the new Millennium.

9. Acting-Mayors for 2000/01/02 and Appointees to Council Boards and Committees for 2000/01/02

His Worship Mayor Walter Gray presented the list of Acting-Mayors for 2000 through 2002 and appointees to Council boards and committees for 2000 through 2002.

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Given

ST967/99/12/06 THAT the 2000 through 2002 Acting-Mayors for City of Kelowna Municipal Council be as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
January	R.D. Hobson	S.A. Shepherd	J.D. Nelson
February	A.F. Blanleil	A.F. Blanleil	C.B. Day
March	R.D. Cannan	B.A. Clark	B.D. Given
April	J.D. Nelson	R.D. Cannan	R.D. Hobson
May	C.B. Day	J.D. Nelson	S.A. Shepherd
June	R.D. Hobson	C.B. Day	A.F. Blanleil
July	S.A. Shepherd	B.D. Given	B.A. Clark
August	A.F. Blanleil	R.D. Hobson	R.D. Cannan
September	R.D. Cannan	S.A. Shepherd	J.D. Nelson
October	J.D. Nelson	A.F. Blanleil	C.B. Day
November	C.B. Day	B.A. Clark	B.D. Given
December	R.D. Hobson	R.D. Cannan	

AND THAT the Alternate Acting-Mayor shall be the next Acting-Mayor as available in monthly sequence;

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AND FURTHER THAT the appointees to Council Boards and Committees for 2000 through 2002 for the City of Kelowna Municipal Council be confirmed as follows:

<u>COUNCIL/BOARD</u> <u>COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>Appointee(s)</u>	<u>Alternate(s)</u>
<u>ADVISORS TO SENIORS (ASK) OF</u> <u>KELOWNA</u>	Counc. J.D. Nelson	Counc. B.A. Clark
<u>AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	Mayor Walter Gray (C) Counc. A.F. Blanleil	
<u>ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOP.</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. B.D. Given	
<u>AUDIT COMMITTEE</u>	Mayor Walter Gray (C) Counc. R.D. Hobson VC) Counc. A.F. Blanleil	
<u>BUSINESS RECRUITMENT TEAM</u>	Counc. A.F. Blanleil	
<u>CENTRAL OKANAGAN COMMUNITY</u> <u>HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. S.A. Shepherd	
<u>CENTRAL OKANAGAN PARKS &</u> <u>WILDLIFE TRUST</u>	Counc. R.D. Hobson	
<u>CENTRAL OKANAGAN SPORT</u> <u>ADVISORY COUNCIL</u>	Counc. S.A. Shepherd	
<u>CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SELECTION</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. B.D. Given (C) Counc. J.D. Nelson	
<u>CITY COUNCIL WATER COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day Counc. R.D. Hobson Counc. S.A. Shepherd	
<u>COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. R.D. Cannan	
<u>COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION</u>	Counc. S.A. Shepherd (C)	
<u>COMMUNITY HOUSING NEEDS</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. S.A. Shepherd	
<u>COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL REVIEW</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u> <u>COMMISSION</u>	Counc. A.F. Blanleil	Counc. R.D. Cannan
<u>KELOWNA ARTS FOUNDATION</u>	Counc. S.A. Shepherd	Counc. B.D. Given

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<u>COUNCIL/BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>Appointee(s)</u>	<u>Alternate(s)</u>
<u>KELOWNA CENTENNIAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION</u>	Counc. B.A. Clark	
<u>KELOWNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</u>	Counc. A.F. Blanleil	Counc. R.D. Cannan
<u>KELOWNA HERITAGE FOUNDATION</u>	Counc. J.D. Nelson	
<u>KELOWNA JOINT WATER COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	Counc. J.D. Nelson
<u>KELOWNA TRANSIT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.</u>	Mayor Walter Gray (C) Counc. R.D. Hobson Counc. C.B. Day	
<u>OKANAGAN MAINLINE MUNICIPAL LABOUR RELATIONS</u>	Mayor Walter Gray Counc. C.B. Day	R.A. Born R.W. Baker
<u>OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY DIST.</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	Counc. A.F. Blanleil
<u>OKANAGAN SHUSWAP FORESTRY COMMUNITY COALITION</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	
<u>PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day (C)	
<u>PARKS ALIVE! COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. B.D. Given (C)	
<u>PARKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. A.F. Blanleil (C) Counc. S.A. Shepherd Counc. J.D. Nelson Counc. R.D. Cannan	
<u>REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>	Mayor Walter Gray Counc. A.F. Blanleil Counc. R.D. Hobson Counc. C.B. Day Counc. S.A. Shepherd	Counc. R.D. Cannan Counc. R.D. Cannan Counc. B.A. Clark Counc. B.D. Given Counc. J.D. Nelson
<u>REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN (PARKS COMMITTEE)</u>	Counc. S.A. Shepherd	
<u>REGIONAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day Counc. R.D. Cannan Counc. S.A. Shepherd	
<u>REGIONAL BOAT LAUNCHES COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. A.F. Blanleil	

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<u>COUNCIL/BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>Appointee(s)</u>	<u>Alternate(s)</u>
<u>REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLAN EXECUTIVE BOARD</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	
<u>REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	
<u>REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day Counc. R.D. Cannan	
<u>REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WOODCHIPPING & BURNING REGULATIONS SUB- COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	
<u>REGIONAL TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. R.D. Cannan	
<u>REGIONAL WATERCRAFT COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. C.B. Day	
<u>SAFETY COUNCIL (Kelowna & District)</u>	Counc. J.D. Nelson	
<u>SOCIAL PLANNING BOARD</u>	Counc. B.D. Given	Counc. R.D. Cannan
<u>SPORTS TOURISM COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. S.A. Shepherd (C) Counc. J.D. Nelson	
<u>TOWN CENTRE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE</u>	Counc. R.D. Hobson (C) Counc. R.D. Cannan Counc. C.B. Day Counc. B.D. Given	

Carried

10. Appointments to the Community Heritage Commission and the Kelowna Heritage Foundation.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd/Seconded by Councillor Nelson

ST968/99/12/06 THAT the following members be appointed to the Community Heritage Commission for the 2000/01/02 term:

Kelowna Centennial Museum - Ursula Surtees with Wayne Wilson as alternate;
 Okanagan Historical Society - Alice Lundy with Dorothy Zoellner as alternate;
 Central Okanagan Heritage Society - Sandy Welbourn with Lorainne McLarty as alternate;
 Regional District of Central Okanagan - Mary-Ann Graham with Colin Day as alternate;
 Public -at-Large - Joyce Broome and Gordon Hartley;

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AND THAT the following directors be appointed to the Kelowna Heritage Foundation for a 3-year term effective January 1, 2000:

Mike Culos, Ben Lee, R.J. Bennett, Bill Knowles, Lin Merchant-Webster, Michael Hill, Lorri Dauncey and Marnie Skobalski.

Carried11. 2000 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULEMoved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Day

ST969/99/12/06 THAT the 2000 Council Meeting schedule be adopted as follows:

Monday Regular Meetings

January 10, 17, 24 and 31
 February 7, 14, 21 and 28
 March 6, 13, 20 and 27
 April 3, 10 and 17
 May 1, 8, 15 and 29
 June 12, 19 and 26
 July 10 and 24
 August 14 and 28
 September 11, 18 and 25
 October 2, 16 and 30
 November 6, 20 and 27
 December 4, 11 and 18

Public Hearing/Regular Meetings

January 11 and 25
 February 8 and 22
 March 7 and 21
 April 4 and 18
 May 2, 16 and 30
 June 13 and 27
 July 11 and 25
 August 15 and 29
 September 12 and 26
 October 3, 17 and 31
 November 14 and 28
 December 12

AND THAT Special Meetings of Council be called throughout the year as and when required.

Carried12. SIGNING OFFICERSMoved by Councillor Blanleil/Seconded by Councillor Cannan

ST970/99/12/06 THAT a Resolution to appoint Signing Officers, as detailed on Form 381 (2-93) attached to the report dated December 2, 1999 from the Director of Finance & Corporate Services be entered into with the Royal Bank of Canada;

AND THAT the Financial Services Agreement be entered into with the Royal Bank of Canada;

AND THAT each Officer and each employee of the City of Kelowna who has been or may hereafter be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to make use of the computerized cheque signer for the purpose of affixing to such cheques a facsimile of his/her signature instead of signing such cheques manually;

AND FURTHER THAT such authorization be granted on the proviso that all cheques in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be countersigned on behalf of the City of Kelowna by the Mayor or Acting-Mayor or a Member of Council and the Director of Finance & Corporate Services or the Deputy Director of Finance or the General Accounting Manager.

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13. PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

His Worship Mayor Walter Gray, on behalf of Council and the citizens of Kelowna, presented gifts of appreciation to Reverend Baldeo and Miss Martin for their participation in this evening's occasion and to Councillors M.I. Bremner and J.D. Leask whom he thanked for their contribution to Council and the community.

13.1 PRESENTATIONS BY REVEREND BALDEO

Reverend Baldeo gave a humorous presentation giving a meaning for each Council member's first name and referring to them as the Dream Team with Mayor Gray acting as Coach. He presented each member of Council with a token gift and relayed greetings and best wishes from the Kelowna Clergy.

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

His Worship Mayor Gray acknowledged the attendance of the special guests and thanked everyone in the gallery for attending this special meeting of Council.

A special acknowledgement was extended to Piper Allison Flack and to Mr. Dennis Colpitts, Conductor of the Kelowna City Band for their contribution to this evening's occasion.

14. TERMINATION

His Worship Mayor Gray declared the meeting terminated at 7:42 p.m.

An invitation was extended to guests and members of the general public to join members of Council in the main foyer of City Hall for light refreshments.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

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