

Regular Meeting – P.M.

December 11, 2000

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, December 11, 2000.

Council members in attendance were: Mayor Walter Gray, Councillors 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 members in attendance were: City Manager, R.A. Born; City Clerk, D.L. Shipclark; Director of Planning & Development Services, R.L. Mattiussi*; Current Planning Manager, A.V. Bruce*; Special Projects Planning Manager, H.M. Christy*; Community Planning Manager, T. Eichler*; Director of Finance & Corporate Services, C.P. Kraft*; Deputy Director of Finance, P.A. Macklem*; Financial Planning & Systems Manager, K. Grayston*; Director of Works & Utilities, J. Vos*; Director of Parks & Leisure Services, D.L. Graham*; Airport General Manager, R. Sellick*; Manager, Airside Operations, S. Samaddar*; and Council Recording Secretary, B.L. Harder.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

3. PLANNING

- 3.1 Planning & Development Services Department, dated December 6, 2000 re: Rezoning Application No. Z98-1045 – Okanagan Sikh Temple & Cultural Society (R. Turik/Turik Neumann Architects) – 1145 & 1125 Rutland Road North (3360-20)

Moved by Councillor Nelson/Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

R972/00/12/11 THAT Municipal Council authorize an extension to Rezoning Application No. Z98-1045 (Bylaw No. 8386) for a period of not more than 180 days from November 18, 2000.

Carried

- 3.2 Planning & Development Services Department, dated December 6, 2000 re: Poverty Task Force – Follow-Up to “Poverty – Everybody’s Business” Event (0360-20)

Staff:

- The ‘Poverty – Everybody’s Business’ event held was October 17th to raise awareness of poverty in the community. Over 1,000 people attended.

Michael Lowen, Poverty Task Force member:

- There are 15,000 to 20,000 people living in poverty in the Central Okanagan.
- The symposium brought together service agencies and providers under one roof and provided a platform for those affected by poverty to be heard.
- Kim Calloway captured and maintained the public interest in the weeks following with his “Life on the Line” series aired on CKOV about poverty on the streets of Kelowna.

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Kim Calloway, CKOV:

- There is a definite need for a single women's emergency shelter in Kelowna and that need seems to be a link to prostitution and sexual deprivation.
- Transportation is a huge issue for people who are poor. The Indian Friendship Centre and the Drop In Centre have indicated willingness to hand out bus passes to the needy if a monthly allotment of free passes could be made available.
- The ability to share immediately perishable food between food providers is difficult because none of the food providers has the ability to transport the food which comes on pallets and requires a large vehicle to transport.
- The Native Friendship Centre does not confine its services to only the native community and they want to be included when inventory taking is going on.
- If the City could support such a facility, the People Place in Vernon evidently works extremely well as a civic supported one-stop shopping zone for people with needs related to poverty.
- Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) has about \$1 million available for B.C. communities outside Vancouver and Kelowna is on their list but we have to come up with a project that meets their criteria for addressing the needs of the homeless in Kelowna. This funding sounds like a one-time opportunity.
- The City needs to continue to actively support the efforts of the Poverty Task Force.
- Poverty is not just in the downtown core and some service providers need to locate in Rutland and other areas of the city.
- There are a significant number of people sleeping out doors right now in Kelowna.

Donna Lowe, Task Force Coordinator:

- Survey results indicate that most of the people living in poverty are aged 25-45 and 80% have lived in Kelowna 5 or less years. They live in all parts of the city but mostly in downtown areas.
- Affordability and accessibility of transportation is a huge problem. Lack of warm clothing, vision and dental care are also huge issues. Recreation and leisure are non-existent because of cost and access. The poor often feel very isolated, alone and abandoned. They want to be able to connect with people and have a place to go and socialize.
- In early 2001 the Task Force will participate in 2 projects to provide focus on the on-going work to address poverty in Kelowna.

Council:

- Suggest the Task Force submit a written request for bus pass vouchers to the Regional Transportation Committee.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd/Seconded by Councillor Given

R973/00/12/11 THAT Council accept this report for information regarding the outcomes of the Poverty – Everybody's Business event held at the Laurel Building on October 17, 2000 and the continued work of the Poverty Task Force.

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- 3.3 Planning & Development Services Department, dated December 8, 2000 re: Rezoning Application No. Z99-1049 (ASP99-001/OCP99-015 – R127 Enterprises Ltd. (Wayne Judiesch) - Mission Ridge Road & Westpoint Drive

Staff:

- Met with two representatives of the Coronado slope property owners last Thursday to discuss their concerns with respect to the Coronado slope prior to the Public Hearing on this application.
- The report outlines the issues that staff have agreed will be addressed through the subdivision stage and identifies the residents' requests that staff were unable to agree to.
- A copy of the report has been faxed to a representative from that meeting who has agreed to disseminate the information in the neighbourhood.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Blanleil

R974/00/12/11 THAT the December 8, 2000 report from the Planning & Development Services Department regarding the outcome of a staff meeting held with Coronado slope property owners to discuss their concerns about the use and management of the Coronado Slope area be received for information.

Carried

4. REPORTS

- 4.1 Director of Parks & Leisure Services, dated December 4, 2000 re: Appointees to Mission District Park Development Committee (5920-20)

Staff:

- Announced the names of the appointees to the Mission District Park Development Committee.

Council:

- The report indicates the committee membership will include the four City Councillors currently on the Parks Committee. The word 'currently' should be deleted since those members could change after each civic election.
- Ensure that there are always five representatives from the Mission Recreation Committee (i.e. if one resigns a replacement member is appointed from that committee).

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Cannan

R975/00/12/11 THAT City Council support the Parks and Facilities Committee appointing the Mission District Park Development Committee;

AND THAT the Chair of the Committee be Councillor Blanleil.

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- 4.2 Director of Parks & Leisure Services, dated December 5, 2000 re: Pacific Sport Regional Sport Centre (0710-20)

Staff:

- The Pacific Sport Group is a non-profit society that links the network of national and regional sport centres in B.C.
- \$90,000 is required annually over the next 3 years as a start-up operating budget. The Province has committed to fund \$70,000 over the 3 years and the City of Kelowna is being asked to fund the \$20,000 shortfall over the next 3 years as a municipal contribution. An objective of Pacific Sport would be to become independent after 3 years.
- Once a Board of Directors has been established they will look for funding commitments from other partners and hopefully there will be a significant reduction in the amount of funding that is required from the City of Kelowna a year from now.

Moved by Councillor Nelson/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R976/00/12/11 THAT the City of Kelowna support in principle, becoming a partner with Pacific Sport in the development of a Regional Sport Centre for the Okanagan, subject to Council approval of the required funding commitment in the 2001 budget.

AND THAT should this funding commitment be supported in the 2001 budget, the City of Kelowna write to the other communities in the Valley to seek their partnership in the development of a Regional Sport Centre for the Okanagan.

Carried

- 4.3 Director of Parks & Leisure Services, dated December 6, 2000 re: Approval to Purchase Architectural Services (0760-20)

Moved by Councillor Shepherd/Seconded by Councillor Nelson

R977/00/12/11 THAT City Council approve the purchase of architectural and design services for the Rotary Arts Centre from Hotson Bakker Architects totalling \$593,200.

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- 4.4 Airport General Manager, dated December 1, 2000 re: New Hangar Development Land Sub-Lease – 600897 B.C. Ltd. (0550-05; 2380-20-8057)

Moved by Councillor Blanleil/Seconded by Councillor Cannan

R978/00/12/11 THAT Council approve entering into a land sub-lease with 600897 B.C. Ltd. for a new hangar development at the site currently sub-leased to Southern Interior Flight Centre (1993) Ltd. at the Kelowna International Airport;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the sub-lease on behalf of the City of Kelowna.

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4.5 Director of Finance & Corporate Services verbal report re: 2001 Financial Plan Overview (1700-20)

Staff:

- Presentation of an overview of the budget document that will be reviewed in detail with Council on December 14th.
- The budget calls for \$55.8 million tax demand for 2001 for a net property owner impact of 1.76%.

4.6 Director of Works & Utilities, dated December 6, 2000 re: Customer Care, Meter Reading, and Water Meter Contract (5520-06) Note: The President of CUPE local 338 will also be making a presentation on this item.

Staff:

- B.C. Gas has agreed to provide full time employment to all affected CUPE staff. The 4 most senior CUPE members will have the option of going to B.C. Gas or staying with the City of Kelowna. The rest of the CUPE staff have no choice and will have to go to B.C. Gas
- For cost effectiveness, it will be mandatory for the 2,100 sewer only customers with the City of Kelowna to be billed once a year on their property taxes rather than every 4 months.
- B.C. Gas will be responsible for the transition process.

Mary-Lou Bailey, President of CUPE Local 338:

- City staff take pride in their customer service.
- The one-on-one level of customer service will not continue to be provided by B.C. Gas and the impact of that will be felt most by the seniors.
- The City's efforts on behalf of its staff have been positive as has the acceptance by B.C. Gas of the 4 senior CUPE members.
- The remaining CUPE employees are not guaranteed any minimum employment after the transition period is complete.
- It is not easy for a union to support contracting out but this contract for services may prove to be in the best interests of the City, the taxpayers and the 4 senior employees who will have opportunities there that they do not have with the City.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Day

R979/00/12/11 THAT Council approve the award of a five-year partnership for customer care services, water meter services, and meter reading services to BCG Services Inc. for the terms and conditions as outlined in the report of the Director of Works & Utilities, dated December 6, 2000;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the partnership documents.

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5. BYLAWS (OTHER THAN ZONING & DEVELOPMENT)

(BYLAWS PRESENTED FOR ADOPTION)

- 5.1 Bylaw No. 8594 – Amendment No. 4 to Specified Sewer Area No. 17
Bylaw No. 6775 (Mission Flats)

Staff:

- The deadline for petitions against this bylaw was December 4, 2000. No petitions were received.

Moved by Councillor Nelson/Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

R980/00/12/11 THAT Bylaw No. 8594 be adopted.

Carried

- 5.2 Bylaw No. 8616 – Amendment No. 13 to Business Licence & Regulation
Bylaw No. 7878

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Nelson

R981/00/12/11 THAT Bylaw No. 8616 be adopted.

Carried

- 5.3 Bylaw No. 8621 – Amendment No. 3 to Sewer Connection Charge Bylaw
No. 8469

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

R982/00/12/11 THAT Bylaw No. 8621 be adopted.

Carried

6. COUNCILLOR ITEMS

- (a) Notice of Motion – Reid Hall

Councillor Hobson referred to a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council from the Central Okanagan Heritage Society asking for reimbursement of City fees and charges related to the replacement of Reid Hall at the Benvoulin Heritage Park site. Council agreed that all the information they require to consider the request is provided in the letter and Councillor Hobson put Council on notice that he would initiate a motion at the December 18, 2000 Regular Meeting to approve the reimbursement using funds from Council Contingency.

7. TERMINATION

The meeting was declared terminated at 4:53 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

BLH/bn

City Clerk