
City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2001
FILE: 0540-20

TO: City Manager

FROM: Community Planning Manager

RE: Social Planning Board

REPORT PREPARED BY: Theresa Eichler

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council appoint the following new member to the Social Planning Board to fill an existing vacancy until December 31, 2002:

Lynn Burgat.

AND THAT City Council accept, with regret, the resignation of the following member from the Social Planning Board:

Louise Wall

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to recognize the resignation of one member and appoint a new member to the Social Planning Board.

BACKGROUND:

The Social Planning Board was re-created in 1995 to make recommendations to City Council on social planning issues. Since that time, the City has adopted a Social Plan, incorporated the policies from the Social Plan into its OCP and undertaken a comprehensive review and update of several social policy areas. The Board also conducts the review and recommendations for the Community Social Development Grant program, as well as the Grant Program to Address the Sexual Exploitation of Youth.

In the last year, the Board has had some involvement in the review of the OCP, and offers City representation at the Board level with several community initiatives, including:

- The Community Access Program – to bring internet access to low income people in several locations throughout the City;
- The Poverty Task Force – working to raise awareness of poverty issues and develop positive initiatives for Kelowna;
- The Homelessness Steering Committee for the Supporting Community Partnerships Initiative (HRDC funding to address homelessness).

REPORT

The Social Planning Board structure includes 12 residents of the City, and one City councillor. The Community Planning Manager provides an administrative liaison for the Committee. There are currently 2 vacancies. One remains from resignations that occurred in 2000. The other is due to the resignation of Louise Wall who is unable to continue with the Board due to a scheduling conflict with her a class she teaches at the College.

In 2000, the Clerk's Department led a review of the terms of reference for Council-appointed committees. The Board has its terms revised as part of this process and members now serve terms parallel to that of Council.

An advertisement of the vacancy on the Board was placed on the City web page. In addition, previous applications were consulted and referrals were made by existing Board members. The Board has not yet arrived at a name to recommend for the second vacancy, as this vacancy was only recently confirmed with Louise Wall's resignation.

Since it was re-established in 1995, the Board had strong representation on child care issues, as well as membership that was involved with the Kelowna & District Child Care Committee, through the participation of Laurie Macdonald. Since Ms. Macdonald's resignation in 2000, the representation on child care issues has not been as clear. Lynn Burgat has submitted a letter of application to join the Social Planning Board (attached). Ms. Burgat is presently the Executive Director of the Kelowna Child Care Society and has worked with the Kelowna and District Child Care Committee since 1995. She has been actively involved as part of several child care-related boards and committees aside from this, and will be a strong member of the Social Planning Board to represent child care issues. In addition, she has an interest in the broad community issues that are governed by the City's social policies in the OCP.

The Board recommended that Council appoint Lynn Burgat to the Social Planning Board to fill the existing vacancy at its meeting of May 8th, 2001.

SUMMARY

The Social Planning Board has two vacancies, one having only recently been confirmed. Louise Wall has resigned from the Board due to career conflicts. The Board recommends that Lynn Burgat be appointed as a new member and is still considering names for the second vacancy. It is recommended that Council accept resignation of Louise Wall from the Social Planning Board and appoint Lynn Burgat to the Board.

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Community Planning Manager

Approved for Inclusion

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Paper Attachment:

Application letter from Lynn Burgat.