

Regular Meeting – A.M.

April 14, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in Meeting Room No. 3, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Monday, April 14, 2003.

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, E.A. Horning and S.A. Shepherd.

Staff members in attendance were: Acting-City Manager/Director of Planning & Development Services, R.L. Mattiussi; City Clerk, D.L. Shipclark; Director of Finance & Corporate Services, C.P. Kraft*; Director of Parks & Leisure Services, D.L. Graham; Deputy Director of Finance, P.A. Macklem*; Recreation Manager, R. Oddleifson*; Civic Properties Manager, J. Waugh*; Communications Manager, K. Cairnes*; Information Services Manager, D. Rasmussen*; Deputy City Clerk, A.M. Flack*; and Council Recording Secretary, B.L. Harder.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Memo from Councillor Clark re: Broadcasting of Council Meetings

Councillor Clark suggested the a committee be struck to look at how Council meetings/agendas could be re-structured to promote more interest from the public, on the premise that increased interest in Council meetings would be reflected in the polls on election day.

Council:

- Streaming videos would have significant budget implications and may be premature at this point since quality of equipment is improving and technology is changing almost monthly.
- With 24 hours notice Shaw will televise the Tuesday evening meeting instead of the Monday afternoon meeting. Shaw is also very open to showing clips of 2-3 minute interviews with members of Council and/or City staff regarding items of community interest.
- Using the legislative channel is not an option.
- The Kids Can Vote program should still be pursued.
- Elementary Schools already educate the children on local government at Grade 3 and they hold their own vote on municipal elections.

Staff:

- The job of selecting only items from Council agendas that would be of public interest for Shaw to televise would be difficult.
- Staff in North Vancouver spend about ½ day for each Council meeting attaching the video clips to the agenda items and their cost to get set up was between \$12,000 to \$15,000. However, the quality of what they feed over the web is low. It is possible to do something with higher quality but most people would not have the band width to received it.
- Archiving video clips could not only create a problem for individual members of Council but would create a record that would be different from the minutes of the meeting because the video would be verbatim. Also, the video clips would become a record of the City's which we then would be bound to provide for people and so a policy would be required for how long the record was kept and why.

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Council:

- Regardless of what we do, the cameras and equipment for the Council Chamber need to be upgraded.
- Staff to do an audit of the equipment we have, and get the information on what it would cost to update the equipment to state-of-the-art. Then Council can decide whether to strike a committee.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Blanleil/Seconded by Councillor Shepherd

R321/03/04/14 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Sec. 242.2(1) (c) (e) (h) and (j) the *Local Government Act* for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Land Negotiations
- Labour Relations
- Potential Litigation
- Third Party Business Interests.

Carried

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:57 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 11:55 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

BLH/am

City Clerk