

Regular Meeting – A.M.

September 8, 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, September 8, 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: City Manager, R.A. Born; Deputy City Clerk, S.C. Fleming; Director of Parks & Leisure Services, D.L. Graham\*; Manager of Community Planning & Real Estate, D.L. Shipclark\*; Community Planning Manager, T. Eichler\*; Drainage/Solid Waste Manager, A. Newcombe\*; Cultural District Project Manager, L. Gunn\*; and Council Recording Secretary, B.L. Harder.

(\* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

3. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Blanleil

**R775/03/09/08** THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Sec. 242.2(1) (c) and (e) of the *Local Government Act* for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Labour Relations
- Land Negotiations.

Carried

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:10 a.m.

RECONVENING OF MEETING

Mayor Gray reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:22 a.m.

8.2 Glenmore Landfill – Tipping Fees

- Staff at the Glenmore Landfill have been waiving the demolition material tipping fees (for all but concrete) for anyone who lost their home in the Okanagan Mountain Park forest fire that could get their property cleaned up by last Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The intent was to encourage people to do the work quickly. However, most people could not move that quickly and so missed the September 5<sup>th</sup> date but still want to be treated the same way.
- Do not want to waive fees for costs that would be covered by the home owner's insurance.

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Council:

- Better to acknowledge that it was probably not a good decision to waive the demolition tipping fees and not extend the date for waiving tipping fees. Let the insurance companies look after the tipping fees. If a home owner does not have insurance they can enquire about possible assistance through the Recovery Centre.

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Given

**R776/03/09/08** THAT the temporary waiver of demolition material tipping fees at the Glenmore Landfill for residents who lost their home in the Okanagan Mountain Park forest fire not be extended past September 5, 2003;

AND THAT there be no further exemptions of demolition material tipping fees at the Landfill.

Carried

Councillors Blanleil and Shepherd opposed.

Councillor Hobson joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

### 8.3 Kelowna and Area Community Tribute Event

- Suggest that a tribute event be held 5 weeks from today on Thanksgiving Day, October 13 to celebrate the strength of our community and to honour all emergency response personnel and volunteers who participated in the Okanagan Mountain Park forest fire.
- The event could include an honour parade, ceremony, festival with food and entertainment, and an evening concert with a different sub-committee formed to work on each part of the event.
- Focus of the event would be celebratory/fun/healing and to honour the firefighters, etc. rather than on fundraising.
- Money for the event is not likely to be an issue; there have been many offers for sponsorship.

Council:

- The hotel/motel industry may be willing to provide free rooms for the out-of-town fire resources that helped with the fire so they can send representatives to the tribute event.
- Need to say thanks to those who helped but the focus should be on getting out nationally the media message that Kelowna is back open for business and for tourism.
- Could also recognize the assistance provided by others in British Columbia at either the plenary luncheon or the banquet at UBCM. However, there should also be country-wide recognition because help came outside the province as well.
- Need to get a handle on how the money that is being donated will be used; other charities raising funds for other causes could be negatively impacted.
- Need to get information to the affected residents and to Council regarding the tax impact on residents who lost their homes and are considering buying a new home while they rebuild.

Staff:

- The City is entering into agreements with the other service agencies to share personal information and then the Recovery Centre's focus would be to ensure that there is an agency to which people can be referred to in order to have their needs met and to ensure that people are not double-dipping.
- The funds being donated are intended to help those residents affected by the fire who would not get help otherwise and for things that fall through the cracks.

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ADJOURNMENT

The 'closed session' of this meeting was adjourned to after the Regular Meeting this afternoon. (11:50 a.m.)

The meeting was declared terminated at 3:56 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk