
City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2004
FILE: 0540-20

TO: City Manager

FROM: Community Planning Manager

RE: Social Planning and Housing Committee

REPORT PREPARED BY: Theresa Eichler

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council appoint the following new members to the Social Planning and Housing Committee to fill the existing vacancies:

Greg Dusik Catherine Williams-Jones

AND THAT Council belatedly accept, with regret, the resignation of the following two members of the Social Planning and Housing Committee:

Eric Greer Lynn Burgat

REPORT:

The Committee has had two vacancies since last year, following the resignation of Lynn Burgat and Eric Greer. Mr. Greer regrettably submitted his resignation due to the expansion of the staff and functions of Community Futures that occurred in 2003. Ms. Burgat also resigned due to the need to focus her energies on changes that were and are occurring in the delivery of child care services. Advertisements for applications to fill these vacancies were placed in the newspapers and on the City's web page. Applications in the Clerk's Department for Committee positions were also reviewed as part of the process towards filling these positions. Delays in this process have been partially due to the redirection of staff to the fire recovery response. Now that we are well into the New Year, it is time to return to a full membership for the Social Planning and Housing Committee.

Mr. Dusik is a former member of the Community Housing Needs Committee, which was consolidated with the Social Planning Board to form the Social Planning and Housing Committee following the last municipal election. All members of both committees were not continued, due to a limited number of seats. Mr. Dusik would like to return to committee work at the City level. He is a licensed Realtor and has been working on new construction, subdivision and mid-density residential projects in Kelowna, where he has lived since 1992. He also is involved in a number of community-level activities including the Glenmore Valley Community Association and the Knights of Columbus.

Ms. Catherine Williams-Jones is the Executive Director of NOW Canada, an agency which provides housing and services to homeless women and children, as well as those who are leaving the sex trade and trying to re-establish their lives. She has been a member of the Homelessness Steering Committee, and is currently working with the task force on Harm Reduction to address drug abuse in the community.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee are attached. The City looks to achieve a balance between the business/development sectors and the social service sectors in membership for this Committee. The recommended new members offer a good balance of these interests. Terms of membership will run concurrent with the term of City Council, until 2005, when committee membership will be reviewed.

Theresa Eichler, MCIP
Community Planning Manager

Approved for Inclusion

David Shipclark
Manager, Community Development & Real Estate

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Attachment (electronic):
Terms of Reference – Social Planning & Housing Committee