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## CITY OF KELOWNA

# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** May 5, 2004  
**File No.:** 0540-20  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Director of Works and Utilities  
**Subject:** Roads Task Force

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Roads Task Force as shown in Attachment 1;

AND THAT Council approve the appointment of Task Force members as shown in Attachment 2.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Local Government Act obligates Council to identify the major infrastructure needs when developing an Official Community Plan (OCP). During the 2020 OCP approval process Council removed of the proposed Water/Pandosy Ritcher north south one way couplet road network from the plan in response to community concerns. Council agreed to establish a task force to review and identify a road network solution in order to provide the capacity originally provided by this couplet system. The 20 Year Servicing Plan funding for the couplet was retained to be used toward the solution found by the Task Force.

The primary area of roads network review will be in the zone of Clement Avenue to the north, Gordon to the east, KLO to the south and Okanagan Lake. However as the Task Force examines options it is anticipated that they may consider other alternatives that will place additional traffic capacity on other routes. For example, it is expected that the Task Force will reconsider whether the 4 laning of Lakeshore from Old Meadows to the Pandosy Town Center is still required depending on the alternatives considered.

The Task Force is proposed to be made up of stakeholder groups listed in the TOR who are directly impacted by the road network solutions that would be considered. Each of these stakeholder groups were invited to submit names of individuals for consideration. Community at large representatives were selected from those who submitted their names and resumes to the City. The chair of the Task Force is proposed to be Mr. Bill Redmond, former President of HRI, who has volunteered to serve in this capacity. City staff and consultants will provide support to the Task Force in gathering information for their deliberations.

The Task Force will have a challenging task to identify a cost effective road network solution that meets the need of the community. This area of the City is a very important zone with a combination of two important town centers (Downtown and Pandosy), Kelowna General Hospital, and the Lake Okanagan Bridge. The OCP calls for significant growth in this area as the City strives to achieve Smart Growth principles of densification and development around Town Centers. Access to and from the new 5 lane Lake Okanagan Bridge must also be

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accommodated. The Task Force will be required to find road network solutions that meet both the 2020 OCP as well as the agreed traffic capacity for the Okanagan Lake bridge.

The Task Force would be expected to start their deliberations later in May and complete their work by the end of the year. Funding of \$200,000 has been provided in Final Budget to cover the costs of engaging consultants and other costs of the Task Force work.

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John Vos

cc. Transportation Manager

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **ROADS TASK FORCE**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Province of British Columbia has indicated that they intend to replace the existing 3 lane Okanagan Lake Bridge with a new 5 lane structure starting in 2005. The City had identified in its Transportation Plan and through the 2013 Official Community Plan (OCP) a north south one way roadway system which provided capacity for both internal city traffic and those accessing this bridge. During the approval process for the 2020 OCP, Kelowna City Council, in response to community concerns, removed this one way couplet system from the OCP. Council resolved to set up a task force to evaluate all options to deliver traffic that meets both City's OCP and Bridge requirements and identify a cost effective solution that meets the community needs.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Task Force shall consist of representatives of all stakeholder groups including:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Downtown Kelowna Association
- c) Kelowna South Central Association of Neighbourhoods
- d) Kelowna Chamber of Commerce
- e) Urban Development Institute
- f) KLO Residents Association
- g) North End Residents Association
- h) 3 community representatives at large

The Task Force shall be supported by city staff including the Transportation Manager, Transportation and Traffic Engineer, Director of Works and Utilities and additional staff as necessary. Consultants will be engaged by the Task Force as necessary to identify and cost roadway alternatives.

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Reporting to City Council the Task Force terms of reference shall include:

A) The Task Force is to identify a cost effective road network that will provide the traffic capacity that:

- 1) Will meet traffic capacity needs of the community based on the 2020 OCP projections;
- 2) Will meet the traffic delivery requirements for the 5 lane Okanagan Lake Bridge as identified in the agreement between the Province of British Columbia and the City of Kelowna;
- 3) Will minimize impact on existing neighborhoods and individual properties.
- 4) Will be a cost effective.

B) The focus of the Task Force will be primarily limited to roads in the zone from Gordon Drive in the East, Clement Avenue to the North, Okanagan Lake to the West, and KLO

to the South. The Task Force will consider the need for 4 laning of Lakeshore from Gyro Beach to Old Meadows Roads as part of its review of North South links. The Task Force may consider other road capacity improvements outside this zone if it still meets the traffic needs.

C) Report to City Council on a regular basis;

D) Identify and implement communication measures to the community on its activities and findings;

E) Sufficient funds have been made available in the 2004 Budget to engage such consultants as are deemed necessary by the Task Force. All contracts shall be subject to approval by the Director of Works and Utilities.

G) The Task Force must submit a final recommendation to Council by December 2004.

H) Members will serve on a voluntary basis without remuneration.

## **ROAD TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP**

Chair – Bill Redmond

KLO Residents Association - Bob Whitehead

Kelowna South Central Association of Neighborhoods – David Lovell

North End Residents Association – Cherie Hansen

Urban Development Institute – Grant Maddock

Chamber of Commerce – Ken Bessason

Downtown Kelowna Association – Gail James

Residents at Large -

Norm Letnick

W.J. Cooke

Clarence Johnson