
City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 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:

Ronwyn Grace Linda Phillips

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

Bill Downie Carol Bernard

REPORT:

The Social Planning and Housing Committee now has two vacancies. Carol Benard regretfully submitted her resignation in March, 2004, after many years of service on the Social Planning Board and then the amalgamated Social Planning and Housing Committee, due to the demands of her job. Bill Downie, also a long-standing member of the Social Planning Board, and the newer Committee, submitted his resignation over the summer, also due to new career demands. The amalgamation of the Social Planning Board and Community Housing Committee into the present Committee, has meant that the focus for some members is less focused in their areas of interest. Housing needs and homelessness issues have taken the lion's share of the Committee's time lately and for Ms. Bernard and Mr. Downie, these issues are important but not as related to their desire for community service. Nine applications in the Clerk's Department and written communications to staff regarding Committee positions were reviewed in order to fill these positions.

Ms. Phillips served as a member of the City's former Community Housing Needs Committee. She has held the position of Executive Officer for the Canadian Home Builders' Association of Kelowna for the last 9 years and has a keen interest in affordable housing, combined with the knowledge of the CHBA's work on this issue, and wishes to serve her community.

Ms. Ronwyn Grace is the Executive Director of Crossroads Treatment Centre and is new to Kelowna. She has years of experience in real estate, business, forensics, addiction

and working with mental health issues. She is also working on her PHD in forensics and clinical psychology and wants to serve her community by serving on the committee.

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

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David Shipclark
Manager, Community Development & Real Estate
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Attachment (electronic):
Terms of Reference – Social Planning & Housing Committee