

Regular Meeting – A.M.March 20, 2006

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, March 20, 2006.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors B.A. Clark, C.B. Day, B.D. Given, C.M. Gran, R.D. Hobson and N.J. Letnick.

Council members absent: Councillors A.F. Blanleil and M.J. Rule.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, R.A. Born; City Clerk, A.M. Flack; Director of Planning & Corporate Services, R.L. Mattiussi*; Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services, D.L. Graham*; Sport & Recreation Manager, J. Gabriel; Civic Properties Manager, R. Cleveland*; Manager of Community Development & Real Estate, D.L. Shipclark*; Community Planning Manager, T. Eichler*; and Council Recording Secretary, B.L. Harder.

Guests*: Delegation from Interior Health Authority: Murray Ramsden, Chief Executive Officer; Kim Marshall, Director Mental Health & Addiction; Joanne Konnert, Chief Operating Officer; Ira Roness, Alcohol & Drug Services, Dr. Don Duncan, Medical Director Mental Health & Addictions; and Cathy Renkas, Communications Officer. Delegation from Okanagan Sun Football Club: Bob Lindsay, President, Blake Roberts, Director; and Ray Wynsouw, Director and member of Apple Bowl Expansion Committee.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Sport & Recreation Manager, verbal report re: Apple Bowl

Staff:

- Analysis shows that the existing fields in the city are being over-used and are deteriorating. To address this, a decision was made to move to artificial turf at one location. Artificial turf allows for about four times the level of use. Constructing a new site was determined to be better than renovating an existing site. A number of different sites were considered and Mission Recreation Park was the location of choice. This was supported by the Sportsfield Advisory Committee.
- The City has spent almost \$300,000 so far on design, geotechnical works, earth works, etc., and tendering has already closed for the artificial turf. To cancel the contract would cost about \$60,000.
- Outlined the challenges of moving artificial turf into the Apple Bowl given the existing levels of use in that facility and the uncertainty regarding the future of the Dr. Knox School site
- Outlined the changes that are proposed with the \$300,000 allocated for the Apple Bowl facility this year.
- The Apple Bowl is and will continue to be the No. 1 stadium.
- The uncertainty regarding the future of the Dr. Knox School site has also kept staff from pursuing a broader plan for conceptual design of the Parkinson Recreation Centre site.

3.2 Mayor Shepherd re: Regional District of Central Okanagan/City of Kelowna Tax Requisition Comparison 2006 to 2005

Deferred to after the 'closed session' portion of the meeting.

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4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

- Council questioned why item No. 7 (Interior Health Authority negotiations – supportive housing project) was on the In-Camera agenda.

Moved by Councillor Gran/Seconded by Councillor Letnick

R254/06/03/20 THAT the discussion with the Interior Health Authority regarding the 30-bed supportive housing project be held in open session.

Carried

Councillor Clark opposed.

3.3 Negotiations with Representatives of Interior Health Authority re: Third Party Agreement – Supportive Housing Project

The Interior Health Authority delegation joined the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Interior Health Authority delegation:

- The issues in the community go beyond the proposed 30-bed facility (the problems downtown). Interior Health Authority (IHA) remains committed to the Harm Reduction model and is not concerned so much about the location as the need to get the program going.
- Overview of the direction the IHA intends to take for dealing with drug and alcohol addictions/mental health disorders and providing a normalized housing environment for this client group recognizing that for most people abstinence cannot be achieved in a single step. This facility will be the appropriate option for those clients approved as residents.
- Acknowledged the need to counter the misinformation that the opponents of the proposed facility are feeding to the public through the media.

The Interior Health Authority delegation left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Give/Seconded by Councillor Gran

R255/06/03/20 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Land Negotiations
- Negotiations with the Province.

Carried

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:06 a.m.

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RECONVENING OF MEETING

Mayor Shepherd reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:30 a.m.

- 3.2 Mayor Shepherd re: Regional District of Central Okanagan/City of Kelowna Tax Requisition Comparison 2006 to 2005

Councillor Hobson, as chair of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, reviewed the budget items and the impact of the changes on regional taxation.

Council:

- School District requirements are still not known; however, staff to determine the impact of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, Kelowna General Hospital and City budgets on taxation for Kelowna citizens and provide the information to Council before Friday (March 24).

9. TERMINATION

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:01 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

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