
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2006
File No.: 6140-20
To: City Manager
From: Andrew Gibbs, Supervisor, Park Planning, Design and Construction
Subject: Knowles Park Laneway – Supplemental Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this report as information.

BACKGROUND

At a Regular Meeting of Council on February 27, 2006, Council requested:

THAT staff conduct additional public consultation with the neighbourhood regarding the future of the Knowles Park laneway and report back to Council before any work is done.

In consultation with the City Manager staff prepared a questionnaire for distribution to those most affected by the laneway issue: the 43 residents and land owners living in the block bounded by Bernard, Richter, Lawrence and Ethel streets. The survey was conducted door-to-door by UBCO business students and by follow-up mail-ins. Thirty-seven completed surveys were collected. An additional 6 completed surveys were mailed in. The remaining residents/owners could not be contacted door-to-door and did not return the survey that was dropped off or mailed to them. The results of the survey are as follows:

	OPTION A Dog- leg	OPTION B Straight- thru	OPTION C Turn- around	TOTAL	PERCENT
Primary occupant ¹	3	12	11	26	70%
Secondary occupant ²	4	2	2	8	22%
Group occupant ³	3	0	0	3	8%
TOTAL	10	14	13	37	100%
PERCENT	27%	38%	35%	100%	

¹ Primary occupant refers to survey respondents at the "front door" or "main house/suite"

² Secondary occupant refers to survey respondents at the "suite door" or "carriage house"

³ Group occupant refers to the United Church, the Armoury and the Italian Club

A copy of the survey form is attached.

Notwithstanding the results of the survey, at a Regular Meeting of Council on December 19, 2005, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT the vehicle lane closure between Richter and Ethel, through Knowles Park, be lifted and restored on an interim basis to its original route;

AND THAT plans be developed to re-align the east end of the lane so that it connects with Lawrence Avenue instead of Ethel Street;

AND THAT the required works be implemented through the normal budgetary process.



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