
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 11, 2006
File No.: 6430-05
To: City Manager
From: Director, Planning and Development Services
Subject: Sustainability Working Group

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council appoint a Sustainability Working Group, as described in the Planning and Development Services Department report of October 11, 2006.

BACKGROUND

At its Sept. 11th, 2006 meeting, Council directed staff to assemble a Sustainability Working Group to address the top priorities (parks/open space, water, environment and transportation) and the top “challenges” (development and transportation) identified through the regional sustainability consultation (Future OK) held earlier this year.

Council asked to be informed of the composition of the Sustainability Working Group. This is to advise that the following have agreed to participate:

- Don Degen (Water)
- Lance Kayfish (Finance)
- Mark Watt (Environment)
- Randy Cleveland (Civic Properties/Parks)
- Ron Westlake (Transportation)
- Signe Bagh / Karly Henney (Planning)

The working group will investigate options for improving the sustainability of City actions and operations and report back to Council with recommendations. Specific tasks will include:

- Identifying a definition for a sustainable city applicable to Kelowna;
- Identifying principles for sustainability to guide decisions and actions;
- Preparing an inventory of existing policies and initiatives that support sustainable principles and identify areas for improvement;
- Examining governance models and mandates for sustainability in other cities; and
- Making recommendations based on the review.

The intent of the group will be to identify ways in which sustainable practises can be integrated into the City's day-to-day operations. The focus will be on creating “on the ground” results.

The working group will report back to the City Manager and the Senior Management Team (SMT).

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Approved for inclusion



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