

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in the Council Chamber, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Tuesday, October 30th, 2007.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors Barrie Clark, Colin Day, Carol Gran, Norm Letnick and Michele Rule.

Council members absent: Councillors Blanleil, Given and Hobson

Staff members in attendance were: Deputy City Manager, John Vos; Deputy City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Community Planning Manager Theresa Eichler; and Council Recording Secretary, Arlene McClelland.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.
2. Councillor Rule to check the minutes of the meeting.
3. PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE
- 3.1 Clifton Highlands Community Association - Barry McCulloch

Communication methods used by Resident Association with their area residents:

- Newsletters
- Email
- Annual general meeting

Priorities for area:

- Traffic on Clifton Road
- Development density
- Construction
- Future of Clifton Road and possible McKinley Landing connection

Challenges faced by area:

- Road work has inconvenienced residents from 1 to 4 months
- Safety issues with bikes and drivers not meeting traffic directions
- Lack of clarity of where to drive with construction going on
- Presentations before council with respect to development the developer has the last word. There is no public rebuttal to projects
- Better guidelines for hillside development are needed
- Need to preserve habitat

Suggestions and Comments for sustainability:

- Sustainability matters – a word we should pay attention to. Notes that both entrances to the City are unpleasant.

Communications process with the City of Kelowna:

- Email
- Petitions
- Phone calls

- Notes that messages left at the Mayor's office are passed onto staff and not responded to by the Mayor

Top 3 City projects/initiatives/programs that are NOT presently underway:

- Bike paths incomplete
- More parks and green space

Program/project/initiative that you would like to see the City undertake that you might consider beyond our financial/resource or expertise capability and would accept a tax increase to pay for such a program:

- Boppart property; doesn't want the City to lose out on opportunities like this in the future

In Summary – There is a deep concern that development permits are being issued at a rate that exceeds the City's ability to keep up with

3.2 Glenmore Valley Community Association – Graeme James

Communication methods used by Resident Association with their area residents:

- Three General Meetings a year
- Newsletters distributed to 6200 people in the area
- Three membership drives in the area
- Emails
- Updated website which includes meeting dates, agendas etc.

Priorities for area:

- Safety issue at schools – There was an accident at the Watson Road Elementary cross-walk. There should be a flashing light at this crosswalk
- Upgrading of roads like Valley Road and Sexsmith Road
- Extension of Glenmore Road
- Long term priority would be a community sports complex
- There could be a skate board park and tennis court directly across from the new Dr. Knox School

Challenges faced by area:

- Official Community Plan review should be done as soon as possible
- Roadways has met 20 year projection but has not kept pace with the amount of development

Suggestions and Comments for sustainability:

- Area around Kane Road should be developed with high density and commercial development should remain in this area
- Opposed to strip malls
- Protect green space
- Future housing projects should be carefully considered before being passed
- road network in Glenmore – i.e. Hillside development

Communications process with the City of Kelowna.

- No problems at all and appreciative of efforts.

Top 3 City projects/initiatives/programs that are NOT presently underway:

- Executive to survey membership prior to AGM and will then let the City know

Program/project/initiative that you would like to see the City undertake that you might consider beyond our financial/resource or expertise capability and would accept a tax increase to pay for such a program:

- Downtown Revitalization decision by year end is too soon for such a project. The City should take lead in this matter, not the developer

3.3 Kelowna South Central Association of Neighborhoods – Margarite Barry

Communication methods used by Resident Association with their area residents:

- Monthly meeting
- AGM
- Newsletters distributed four times a year
- Website
- Brochures

Priorities for area:

- Excessive noise is a concern – Many sirens
- Traffic
- Densification of neighborhoods
 - o Back lane lighting required
 - o Upgrades to alleys/lanes
 - o Businesses should get involved in upgrades
- Bike lanes: there are many challenges. Difficult to find place to lock up bikes. People need to be aware of the Bike Program
- Traffic calming – calming circles needed
- Parking destination area
- Safety concerns in neighborhood – response times low from RCMP
- Problem with homelessness, if there's no place to facilitate them, they have no place to go. Supportive in regards to Willow Inn being used to temporarily house some homeless individuals
- Downtown Revitalization – would like to have input. Would like to see 5 storey maximum
- KSS site – would like to know what the plans are for this site
- Heritage preservation and protection. Residents very active and want the City to move forward
- Heritage Foundation Programs – need additional funding of approximately \$20,000
- Concern raised over the Pandosy Connector. There is a lot of traffic through Marshall Street to get onto the connector and also a lot of traffic on Sutherland Avenue coming from Richter Street. There is no left hand turn signal going north on Richter onto the highway. People are using neighborhoods as thru ways

- 3.4 KLO Central Neighborhood Association – Bob Whitehead – Reads from Notes that were only submitted to the Mayor

Priorities for area:

- Traffic calming should be considered in future planning
- There's increased traffic and demand for services on the newly completed development
- Parking concerns
- Not enough roads and sidewalks to keep up with development
- Want to be involved in planning issues for this area

Council

- Notes that they received a lengthy presentation for the KSS site at the October 29th Council Meeting.
- Suggested that Associations check the City's website to see what was discussed in regards to the KSS site and to check the website regularly.

- 3.5 McKinley Landing Residents Association – No Representative Present

- 3.6 North End Residents Association – Ray Lewis

Communication methods used by Resident Association with their area residents:

- Website
- Monthly meetings
- Emails
- Telephone – call system
- Good neighborhood “grapevine”
- Brochure distributed at some commercial outlets

Priorities for area:

- Air quality
- Establishing “balanced” living arrangements with our industrial neighbors
- Shared photos of industrial debris on roads
- Protection and enhancement of our parks. There is only one real park – City seems to be abandoning this park
- Support sweeping of sidewalks

Challenges faced by area:

- Air quality
- Getting our residents involved with the Association and the community in general – welcomes suggestions.
- Bylaw enforcement (or lack thereof) Should be more aggressive

Suggestions and Comments for sustainability:

- Have forwarded concerns to the City
- Stop uncontrolled development
- Protection of our water resources – implement in small steps

Communications process with the City of Kelowna:

- Concern with apparent lost or misdirected information
- Lack of notice from the City when major change to land use is being proposed, in particular items that directly impact the North End
- Heliport proposal is a big issue

Top 3 City projects/initiatives/programs that are NOT presently underway:

- Poplar Point Road Linear Park, as proposed and presented some years ago by the City
- Broad-scale bike trails program, linking all major areas of the City
- Formal development plan/requirements for neighborhood parks

Program/project/initiative that you would like to see the City undertake that you might consider beyond our financial/resource or expertise capability and would accept a tax increase to pay for such a program:

- No suggestions at this time.

3.7 Okanagan Mission Residents Association – Ron Hallick

Communication methods used by Resident Association with their area residents:

- Website
- Addressed mail outs to members
- Quarterly newsletter delivered by Canada Post

Priorities for area:

- Lakeshore between Dehart and Barnaby Roads – happy with improvement on Gordon and looking forward to improvements on Lakeshore Road
- Construction of Ring Road/Perimeter Way to connect to Crawford Estates
- any discussion or announcement would be appreciated

Challenges faced by area:

- Increased population – need to hold onto identity – perhaps historic boundary signs could be erected at residents' expense

Suggestions and Comments for sustainability:

- Density is what many people talking about. More infilling than expansion taking place
- For perhaps the last decade, the City seems to be taking the wrong direction with density and carriage houses. There are problems with density
- Limited water, limited hospital beds – the more population grows the more taxes will increase
- With every OCP review it seems density is encouraged. Council should take second look at this

Communications process with the City of Kelowna.

- We print and distribute a list of contacts quarterly to phone or email City Hall with any issue that arises
- Directors keep list of City contacts
- Deliver newsletters to Council

Top 3 City projects/initiatives/programs that are NOT presently underway:

- Nothing noted

Program/project/initiative that you would like to see the City undertake that you might consider beyond our financial/resource or expertise capability and would accept a tax increase to pay for such a program:

- Dialogue between Associations and Parks and Recreation Kick Start Program. School District 23 and Kick Start could partner with facilities, utilize programs into the schools

3.8 Quail Ridge Residents Association – Mac Campbell

Communication methods used by Resident Association with their area residents:

- email
- Communication between Quail Ridge and University
- Signage
- Newsletters
- AGM meeting in October

Priorities for area:

- Trees affected by pine beetle – try to combat the critters – disposal of trees and replanting and how to address this issue
- Criminal activity – use proceeds of crime for affordable housing – fighting crime may help with homeless issues
- Fortis BC application process – seeking approval for substation. The “how” is more problematic
- Need for safety left turn lane into community from Highway 97
- Provide parkland – there’s a lack of amenities such as recreation
- Likes the concept of Eagle Eye. Timely responses and would like this implemented for bylaw needs

Communications process with the City of Kelowna.

- Inconsistent communication with Mayor and Council
- Communication with Council regarding Fortis was never communicated back to the Association.
- Fortis using McKinley crossing is problematic and will be costly to the City

3.9 Rutland Residents Association – Mary-Ann Graham and Steven Graham

Communication methods used by Resident Association with their area residents:

- General meetings
- Annual General Meeting in January
- Email distribution list
- Telephone committee
- Newspaper activity page
- Advertised in Uptown Rutland Business Association info page
- Website
- Perhaps City should consider a section on website for all Resident Associations

Priorities for area:

- Community policing expansion
- Precinct style of office – Officer to report to their specific precinct
- Unsightly premises – crack houses – expedite crack house bylaw similar to what Vernon is implementing on condemned premises, have them fixed or demolished in a timely manner. Perhaps city could demolish the home and put that cost on the owners taxes.
- Traffic – Rutland Town Centre is growing and a lot of accidents have occurred with some pedestrian incidents
- 7-11 property, existing entrance way on Hwy 33 should be blocked off, a lot of incidents happening there and is very problematic
- Intersections that are problematic, example, Reid's Corner
- Supportive of Rutland transit exchange. Transit has improved but still need more improvement. Earlier morning transit for those who work early morning shifts
- Would like to see signage into Rutland

Challenges faced by area.

- Large community – would like to know what is happening in development
- How to increase membership
- Affordable Housing
- On-street parking. Narrow streets and if parking on both sides it's difficult to use. Parking may have to be restricted (ie. Franklyn Road near Ben Lee Park)
- Overcoming perception of what Rutland is and who we are. Maybe more advertising should be done for Rutland so that it's looked upon as being part of Kelowna
- Rutland Centennial happening next year and we need to get the word out

Suggestions and Comments for sustainability:

- Water conservation continues to be an issue. Could implement that irrigation required to have dual valve – addition of mandatory rain check – shut off if it rains

Communications process with the City of Kelowna:

- Appreciate the emails
- Dealing with staff and Council is great. Responsive is super

- Joint meeting 7 months ago, no feedback report was submitted. Would like to see the solutions
- Improved communication with Planning with respect to proposed developments that do not go through public process. At times we are caught unaware. Advise Resident Associations and have developers speak with the Associations
- Items on the Public Hearing agenda allows you to respond directly to the Clerks Office and this would be great to have implemented on the Advisory Planning Agendas

Top 3 City projects/initiatives/programs that are NOT presently underway:

- Properly widening of sidewalks on North side – McCurdy Road. Availability to do so on the north side
- Adoption of irrigation system – commercial spaces

Program/project/initiative that you would like to see the City undertake that you might consider beyond our financial/resource or expertise capability and would accept a tax increase to pay for such a program:

- Senior levels of government to get involved with affordable housing and perhaps use the KSS site
- Green building initiative – upgrading windows, rain check on irrigation system

3.10 Residents Association Coalition - Wayne Pierce

- What brought us together is the Simpson Covenant. Will deal with topics the presidents have brought forward today

Meeting adjourned for a break at 2:48 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

3.11 Discussion

Council:

- Associations need to officially send a letter to the City when there is a change to directors
- The Council Policy states that Theresa Eichler, Community Planning Manager, is the Associations direct contact.
- Circulate minutes to attendees and include Council Policy.

4. TERMINATION

The meeting was declared terminated at 3:38 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk

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