

Regular Meeting – A.M.

December 17, 2007

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, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors Andre Blanleil\*, Barrie Clark, Colin Day, Brian Given, Carol Gran, Norm Letnick and Michele Rule.

Council members absent: Councillor Hobson

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; Deputy City Clerk, Stephen; City Clerk, Allison Flack\*; Director of Financial Services/Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, Paul Macklem\*; Director of Works and Utilities/Acting Director of Corporate Services, John Vos\*; Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services, David Graham\*; Acting Director of Human Resources, Charlene Covington\*; Manager, Community Development & Real Estate, Doug Gilchrist\*; Projects Manager, Real Estate & Planning, Rob Mayne\*; Community Planning Manager, Theresa Eichler\*; Planner Specialist, Pat McCormick\*; and Council Recording Secretary, Arlene McClelland.

(\* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Councillor Given to check the minutes of the meeting.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: School Trustee Electoral Boundary Review Process

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Day

**R1192/07/12/17** THAT Council receive as information the School Trustee Electoral Boundary Review Process;

AND THAT the Mayor send a letter to the School Board indicating Council has received the information.

Carried

3.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: Municipal Fiscal Imbalance

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Given

**R1193/07/12/17** THAT Council support the following resolution as adopted by Metro Vancouver;

- Whereas prior to 1997, the Revenue Sharing Act provided for a sharing of provincial revenues with municipal governments on an unconditional basis.
- And whereas a share of provincial sales tax, corporate income tax and resource revenues was indirectly transferred annually to municipalities.
- And whereas in 1997, the previous Provincial Government eliminated these transfers, forcing municipalities to increase their reliance on property taxes.
- And whereas with the federal and provincial fiscal position greatly improved, it would be appropriate to reconsider this approach.
- And whereas this program could make over \$300 million available annually to municipalities in the province.

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- And whereas compared to growing provincial and federal surpluses, municipalities across Canada are struggling.
- And whereas where senior levels of governments are able to reduce taxes, the burden on municipal taxpayers is growing.
- And whereas to meet increased service demand, municipalities have been left with little choice but to increase property and business taxes.
- And whereas other revenue sources available to municipalities cannot fill the gap between growing costs to service our citizens and a sustainable level of property taxation.
- And whereas municipal revenues have not kept up with federal and provincial growth.
- And whereas at the same time, payments from the Provincial and Federal Governments now comprise a smaller portion of the overall revenues of many municipalities.
- And whereas this decline is in contrast to the rate of federal transfer payments to British Columbia.
- And whereas since 2001, our province has benefited from billions of dollars of increases in federal transfer payments (CHST and Equalization entitlements).
- And whereas in 2008-09, the federal payments to British Columbia are likely to increase even more.
- Be it resolved that the Board of Directors for Metro Vancouver request the Province of BC take steps in their upcoming budget to address the municipal fiscal imbalance by reinstating a revenue sharing program with municipalities – and that these revenues be stable over time.
- Be it resolved that a copy of the recommendation be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

AND THAT the Mayor send a letter to the School Board indicating Council has received the information.

Carried

3.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: Knowles House

Mayor Shepherd:

- Staff to staff check into status of request from KSA from two (2) years ago about borrowing from the City for expansion of the Knowles House.
- Staff to follow up and report back to Council.

3.4 Councillor Given, re: Worksafe Appointment

Councillor Given:

- Application for Worksafe Appointment restricts elected officials from being a member, and therefore won't be applying.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Clark

**R1194/07/12/17** THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a), (c), (e) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Position Appointment
- Labour Relations
- Land Disposition/Acquisition

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5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:40 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk