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CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** December 14, 2007  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** **Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues**  
**Subject:** **Childcare Recommendations**

Report Prepared by: *Polly Palmer, Staff Liaison*

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the report from the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues dated December 14, 2007;

AND THAT Council direct staff to investigate a possible space for a City of Kelowna employee childcare facility;

AND THAT Council direct the staff to investigate the creation of a policy regarding childcare amenities in exchange for a density bonus on rezoning applications involving Commercial and Multi-family Residential proposals;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoints Michael Patten and Cheryl Miller as members of the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues to fill existing vacancies.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to the committee's mandate of identifying issues of importance to women and the community, the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues have established Childcare as the main focus of the committee for 2008. The initial goal being, to increase knowledge of the role of employers in enhancing early childcare development by providing a childcare facility for their employees, emphasizing the importance and commitment to health and well-being of its employees and to corporate social responsibility.

The following resolutions were passed at the November 14, 2007 Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues:

THAT the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues recommends that Council direct staff to investigate a possible space for a City of Kelowna childcare facility.

THAT the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues recommends that Council direct the appropriate staff to look at the creation of a policy regarding childcare amenities in exchange for a density bonus on zoning applications involving Commercial and Multi-family Residential proposals.

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The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues provide for a committee consisting of 14 members, being 12 representatives from the community at large and 2 members of Council. Appointed members are as follows:

Anne Horak	Vonnie Lavers
Carol Lust	Dave Roseberry
Micki Smith	Marne Svennes
Lisa Noelle Brown	Tia-Maria Hoeller
Jennifer Elsasser	

Two members being recommended for appointment are:

Cheryl Miller manages a regional non-profit Community Information and Volunteer Centre in Kelowna (Kelowna Community Resources). Cheryl has over 10 years experience as well as a strong commitment to community development. Cheryl's knowledge of local initiatives and community connections will be a valuable contribution to the Advisory Committee.

Michael Patten has experience in the business world with particular expertise in management training and building relationships within and between organizations. He also has contributed his time to volunteer services in the community. Michael Patten is a member of the Social Planning and Housing Committee.

These appointments will bring the membership of the Advisory Committee for Community and Women's Issues to a total of 11 (not including the 2 Council members). In addition there is a RCMP representation on this Committee by way of Sgt. Terry McLachlan, Community Policing. The committee will solicit applications from the community to fill the final vacancy.

This report is to bring forward the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues for Council's consideration and to authorize staff to proceed with implementation of all recommendations that are approved by Council.

**EXISTING POLICY:** Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues Terms of Reference.

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

**LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:**

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS:**

**INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:**

**ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:**

Submitted by:

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