

Regular Meeting – A.M.

January 28, 2008

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, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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

Council members absent: Mayor Sharon Shepherd.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; Deputy City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Director of Works & Utilities/Interim Director of Corporate Services, John Vos\*; Manager Community Development & Real Estate, Doug Gilchrist\*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guest: Director, Strategic Initiatives, Highways Department, Ministry of Transportation, Grant A. Lachmuch\*.

(\* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Blanleil called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Draft Resolution re: Kelowna Chamber of Commerce – Incorporation of Tourism Kelowna Society

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Letnick

**R064/08/01/28** THAT Council approves forwarding the tourism funding received in accordance with Provincial Regulation No. 378/2003, Additional Tax Regulation (City of Kelowna), to the newly formed Tourism Kelowna Society.

AND THAT the payments currently allocated for Visitor Services, Marketing & Promotions, and Sport Tourism in the amount of \$346,430.00 to the Chamber of Commerce Contract (Account #252-10-193-0-472) be transferred to the newly formed Tourism Kelowna Society.

Carried

3.2 Grant A. Lachmuch, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Highways Department re: 2007 UBCM Presentation by the Ministry of Transportation

Guest, Grant A. Lachmuch:

- Provided background information regarding his position with the Ministry of Transportation.
- Presented a PowerPoint Presentation to Council regarding the BC model for Highway Maintenance.
- Advised that 85% to 90% of the twenty-eight (28) highways maintenance contractors in the Province receive an annual bonus of 1% to 2%.

Councillor Day joined the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Councillor Gran joined the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

- Advised that the clearing of bike paths during the winter months are not considered a priority. The Ministry's first priority is to clear one (1) lane in each direction on any roadway that they service. Clearing the entire roadway is the Ministry's second

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- priority, with the third priority being clearing the shoulders of the roadways, which also includes any bike paths.
- Advised that all particles used in the winter abrasives must pass through a screen. The Ministry has been working with ICBC regarding any hazards these particles may cause. The size of the abrasive does not impact any damage that could occur to motor vehicles; however the Ministry and ICBC are always looking for ways and means to reduce particle size.
  - Confirmed that maintenance of the Myra Canyon forestry road has been taken over by the Ministry.
  - Provided information regarding the DriveBC website. The public can provide information regarding road conditions to the Maintenance Contractors through the 1-800-Number. Any information is then passed on to the DriveBC website.
  - The Ministry uses an assessment process to look at the current condition of road maintenance and infrastructure. Every sector in the province is assessed twice a year and currently the roads throughout the Okanagan-Shuswap are considered in good to satisfactory condition.
  - When there is a motor vehicle accident, Ministry staff do an assessment of the road conditions based on visuals and reports received from various agencies (i.e. RCMP).
  - Both the Ministry and the Maintenance Contractors are responsible for responding to major accidents on Provincial highways, as well as sending the right equipment to deal with any debris. The Maintenance Contractor is responsible for the first phase of the incident and the towing company (if required) will be responsible for the recovery phase. The Maintenance Contract specifically sets out who is responsible for what during motor vehicle accidents.
  - Advised that the bridge concessionaire, SNC-Lavalin ProFac, will be responsible for maintenance of the new bridge and the approaches once the bridge is opened. The level of maintenance service has been specifically set out in the P3 agreement. An operational command centre will be established in Kelowna by SNC-Lavalin ProFac and any relevant contact numbers will be posted for the public's information. Should the public be unable to contact SNC-Lavalin ProFac, an alternative contact will be the Ministry's local office.

Grant A. Lachumch left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

#### 4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Gran

- R065/08/01/28** THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) and (e) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:
- Position Appointment
  - Disposition of Improvements
  - Property Expropriation

Carried

#### 5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:52 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:06 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Deputy Mayor Andre Blanleil

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Deputy City Clerk

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